

July 16, 2017  
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:00 a.m.

## **GATHERING**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: For as the rain and snow come down from heaven  
And do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
Making it bring forth and sprout,  
Giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

**People: So shall my word be that goes out of my mouth;**

Leader: It shall not return to me empty,  
But it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
And succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

(Isaiah 55)

**People: Let us worship God.**

+\*HYMN 403 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Almighty and merciful God,  
We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much  
The devices and desires 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;  
And there is no health in us.  
O Lord, according to your promises  
Declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord,  
Have mercy upon us.  
Spare us as we confess our faults.  
Restore us as we become penitent.  
And grant, O merciful God, for the sake of Jesus Christ,  
That we may live a holy, just, and humble life  
To the glory of your holy name.**

*Please continue to pray silently*

**\*THE JESUS PRAYER**

Lord Je-sus Christ, Son of God, have mer-cy on me, a sin - ner.

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**\*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.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Casey W. FitzGerald

**\*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**

Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

sign of Christ, our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's

chil - dren, joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

**+ WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE**

Genesis 25:19–28

Old Testament, p. 21

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

Patrick A. Hunnicutt

*Following the Children’s Sermon, Kindergartners and 1<sup>st</sup> graders are invited to Children and Worship.*

**SERMON**

*Jacob and Esau*

Larry R. Hayward

“The children struggled within her...” (Genesis 25:22)

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Whitney K. Fautleroy

**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**

*Allegro*

Michelle Clover

Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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**

**\*HYMN 318** *In Christ There Is No East or West*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\*Those who are able, please stand.

+Ushers will seat worshipers.

*We ask that you silence your cell phones and refrain from taking photographs during the worship service.*

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**Leading worship** today are Larry R. Hayward, Pastor; Patrick A. Hunnicutt, Associate Pastor; Casey W. FitzGerald, Associate Pastor; Whitney K. Fauntleroy, Associate Pastor; Patty Chamberlain, Elder for Baptism; Spencer Dickerson, Foundation Board; Steve Benson, Guest Organist; Michelle Clover, Flute.

**The Westminster Foundation** is committed to enhancing the worship experience and supporting the congregation's work in mission, congregational life, Christian education, and music. The Foundation Board assists members in making planned gifts, matching their intentions with church ministries that serve the needs of people in the community, across the nation and around the world. Every gift continues to enable the church to commit to good works in our lifetime and for future generations.

**The Congregation is invited to Lemonade on the Lawn** in the Blomberg Courtyard after worship, hosted by Mary Circle.

**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 the infants in the nursery.

**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.

**Flowers in the Sanctuary** are given by Wanda Worsham in memory of her parents, John & Mary Worsham; and by Jordan & Ann Taylor in memory of their parents Dan & Jean Taylor and Lynn Small and in honor of Joan Small DeVantier.

**Liturgical Colors | Today our paraments are green, marking the season of Ordinary Time.** Green symbolizes nature, life and the growth of Christian discipleship. Ordinary Time, a season focused on Jesus' three-year public ministry, teachings, and miracles, is a reminder that the mission of the church is to share the hope of Christ with the world.

**Text and audio from past sermons can be found on the church website at [wpc-alex.org/sermon-podcasts](http://wpc-alex.org/sermon-podcasts).** Subscribe to our podcast on iTunes by searching "Westminster Presbyterian Alexandria," or add our feed to your favorite podcast app: <http://wpcalex.sermon.net/rss/main/audio>

**Large print bulletins and hearing aid devices are available from an usher.**

#### **VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY**

**Greeter:** Erskine Wells

**Ushers:** Ken Niemann (captain), Bob Blanchard, Donna Cramer, Jean Fabish, Brian Folkerts, Tom French, George Harris, Janet Harris, Anne Pickett, John Woods

**Counters:** Bill Kemp, Marydel Kemp, Carolyn Carmack

**Bus Driver:** Tom Gangi

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

## VISITOR INFORMATION

wpc-alex.org/im-new

**Thank you for joining us today!** Whether you are exploring faith for the first time, seeking to reconnect with your faith, or searching for a church home, we welcome to Westminster all who seek to discover the significance and meaning of Jesus Christ in their lives.

If you would like to learn more about Westminster, the Presbyterian faith, and membership, we invite you to attend our next **Inquirer's and New Member Class** on **Wednesday, August 2 at 7:00 PM** in the Johnson Parlor.

To sign up for the class or for more information about joining Westminster, contact Melissa LoPresti and Connie Watson at [newmember@wpc-alex.org](mailto:newmember@wpc-alex.org); or Pastor Larry Hayward at [lhayward@wpc-alex.org](mailto:lhayward@wpc-alex.org) or 703-549-4766.

### Next Sunday

July 23, 2017

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcoming New Members



### Worship

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary

### Lectionary Passages

Genesis 28:10–19a

Psalm 139:1–12, 23–24

Romans 8:12–25

Matthew 13:24:–30, 36–43

### Summer Sermon Series: *In the Beginning*

*A Ladder Set Upon the Earth*

Genesis 28:10–19a

Larry R. Hayward

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# WESTMINSTER UPDATE

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017

## Seeking a Financial Assistant

We are searching for a new Financial Assistant for the church office and ask your help in spreading the word. This position is part-time, averaging 18-20 hours per week. Hours are flexible. We are looking for someone from outside our congregation with a degree in accounting or business and good people skills, who would be able to start in early August. Interested applicants should send a resume to Nancy Bea, Business Administrator, at [nbea@wpc-alex.org](mailto:nbea@wpc-alex.org).

## Parking Enforcement

We continue to have problems with parking along Cameron Mills Road on Sunday mornings. Please park with care when parking on the street, making sure not to block any of our neighbors' driveways. Alexandria Police will be out enforcing. Thank you!

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## MISSION AND SERVICE

Contact Associate Pastor Patrick Hunnicutt.

**Sandwiches Needed for Bag Lunch** | Make generous turkey and cheese sandwiches on wheat bread. Bag and label with date and place in Fellowship Hall freezer. Contact: [baglunch@wpc-alex.org](mailto:baglunch@wpc-alex.org).

**Meals on Wheels** | Tuesdays, July 18 and August 15 | Volunteers needed to drive and deliver meals. Time commitment approx. one and a half hours. Contact [localmission@wpc-alex.org](mailto:localmission@wpc-alex.org) to sign up!



**Corn Gleaning | Saturday, July 29.** Glean corn for the Northern Neck Food Bank. Meet in Colonial Beach, Virginia, at 8:45 AM to pick the left-behind second ears of corn off the stalks until about 12:00 PM. This is a great activity for adults, youth, and older kids. For more information, contact Anne Marks and Sue Aland at [nationalmission@wpc-alex.org](mailto:nationalmission@wpc-alex.org).

## Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Trip | Thursday, October 19–Sunday,

**October 22.** Travel to Rainelle, WV, to participate in ASP's new Greenbrier Flood Recovery project, helping to build new homes in the area ravaged by the June 2016 floods. An informational meeting will be Sunday, August 20 at 11:15 AM in the Haverkamp Room. Please contact [nationalmission@wpc-alex.org](mailto:nationalmission@wpc-alex.org) with questions and/or interest.

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## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Contact Associate Pastor Casey FitzGerald.

### CHILDREN & FAMILIES (Nursery-Grade 5) [wpc-alex.org/families](http://wpc-alex.org/families)

Contact Patty Chamberlain, Director.

#### Family Mornings: Summer Playdates!

For parents and children 5 and under

We'll be taking a break from our weekly morning meetings at the church in favor of some special summer park playdates. Meet at the location at 10 AM! July 28: Virginia Highlands Spraypark in Arlington; August 4: River Farm in Alexandria; August 18: Kid's Choice Sport & Fun Center in Woodbridge.

### ADULTS [wpc-alex.org/adult](http://wpc-alex.org/adult)

Contact Amey Upton, Director.

**Mental Health Small Group** | Tomorrow, July 17, 7-8:30 PM in Johnson Parlor. Support one another, choose one of the new books on mental health to read, and share resources and ideas on caring for those we love who live with mental health challenges and complexities. Contact Amey Upton with questions.

#### Reading and Learning the New Testament led by Larry Hayward

September 10, 2017 – April 29, 2018 with holiday break | Sundays, 4-6 PM

A guided reading of the New Testament, exploring texts in detail and reflecting on how they impact our faith and life at a weekly lecture & discussion. Cost: \$20, plus a Bible. More info and registration at [wpc-alex.org/new-testament](http://wpc-alex.org/new-testament).

**Introducing Towards Fuller Faith & Service** | Beginning in fall 2017, this year's theme for Sunday mornings will challenge us to praise God more fully and serve our neighbors more vibrantly. An exciting and talented lineup of top-notch teachers is planned for this series, including missionaries, healthcare professionals, marriage counselors, and civil rights legends. In this era of flux and change, these classes will help us to incarnate Christ's presence as we go about our lives, leading us to further hospitality in a hostile world.

**New Sunday Morning Small Group Bible Study** | Beginning on October 1 and continuing for eight weeks, a team of WPC members will lead a new small Bible study during the Sunday morning hour. Using a series called "The Present Word," the study will focus on covenants with God: signs of God's covenant, being called into covenant with God, and an everlasting covenant. Class size is limited to 25 people. Sign up at [wpc-alex.org/adult](http://wpc-alex.org/adult).

**Third Annual Dessert & Dialogue** | Save Monday, October 23 for our Third Annual Dessert & Dialogue, to be held from 7-9 PM in Fellowship Hall. More details to come!

### YOUNG ADULTS [wpc-alex.org/young-adult](http://wpc-alex.org/young-adult)

Contact Associate Pastor Whitney Fauntleroy.

**Faith on Tap** | Tuesday, August 15 at 7:30 PM | Ramparts Tavern & Grill, 1700 Fern St. in Alexandria. An informal gathering; no reservation needed.

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## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

### **FLYING SOLO SINGLES** (50's and above) [wpc-alex.org/flying-solo](http://wpc-alex.org/flying-solo)

Contact Nancy Hall Berens, Director.

**Potluck** | Tuesday, July 25 | 7:00 p.m. in the Johnson Parlor. Join us to make sandwiches for the Bag Lunch program, then enjoy dinner together. Please bring a dish to share for dinner.

**Book Group** | Monday, July 31 at the home of Robin Benson. This summer we will read the first half of *Friedman's Fables* (p. 1 – 94) by Rabbi Edwin H. Friedman. These creative fables help us better understand ourselves and our relationships with other people.

**Take Me Out to the Ball Game!** | Saturday, August 26 | Watch the Nationals play the New York Mets. Meet at church at 3 PM to carpool to the Metro. Game starts at 4:05. RSVP to Art Sauer at [asauer@wpc-alex.org](mailto:asauer@wpc-alex.org) by August 1 to reserve a ticket. Cost is \$35 per ticket (may be less if 13 or more people).

**Registration now open for Flying Solo's Fall Retreat** | October 6-8 at Hallwood Retreat Center. We welcome Greg Finch as leader to explore *The Next Adventure: Aging Well, Aging Wisely, Aging Wonderfully*. Join us as we discover creative ways to navigate our life's journey and flourish across our lifespan! Information & registration available in the education wing kiosk or online.

### **ROADSTERS** (Boomers and Beyond) [wpc-alex.org/roadsters](http://wpc-alex.org/roadsters)

Sign up with Patty Chamberlain, Director.

**Little Theatre of Alexandria's Legally Blonde** | Thursday, July 20 | Based on the well-loved movie, this musical follows Elle Woods as she unexpectedly gets into Harvard Law School. Show starts at 8 PM; arrive between 7:30-7:45 to receive your ticket.

**Lunch and Learn: High School Mission Trip to Alaska** | Sunday, August 13

Westminster high schoolers will talk about their experience on their mission trip this June to Alaska. Meet in the Haverkamp Room following 10:00 AM worship. Lunch: \$10.



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