

August 13, 2017  
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:00 a.m.

## **GATHERING**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Gather us in, the lost and the lonely,  
The broken and breaking, the tired and the aching  
Who long for the nourishment found at your feast.

**People: Gather us in,**

Leader: The done and the doubting, the wishing and the wondering,  
The puzzled and pondering who long for the company found at your feast.

**People: Gather us in,**

Leader: The proud and pretentious, the sure and superior,  
The never inferior, who long for the leveling found at your feast.

**People: Gather us in,**

Leader: The bright and the bustling, the stirrers, the shakers,  
The kind of laughter makers  
Who long for the deeper joys found at your feast.

**People: Gather us in,**

Leader: From corner or limelight, from mansion or campsite,  
From fears and obsession, from tears and depression,  
From untold excesses, to meet, to eat, to be given a seat,  
Be joined to the vine, be offered new wine,  
Become like the least, be found at the feast.

**People: Gather us in!**

+\*HYMN 450 *Be Thou My Vision*

### **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Whitney K. Fauntleroy

Leader: Heaven is here, and earth, and the space is thin between them.  
Distance may divide, but Christ's promise unites  
Those bounded by time, those blessed by eternity.  
Let heaven be glad:

**People: Let the whole earth cry glory.**

Leader: Heaven is here, and earth,  
And the Church above and below is one.  
Peter is here, and Paul, Martha and all the Marys,  
Columbia and Francis, Theresa and Luther King;  
The saints from far back and those who left us not long ago.  
And only sight prevents us from seeing them,  
One with us on the other side.  
Let heaven be glad.

**People: Let the whole earth cry glory.**

Leader: Heaven is here, and earth,  
And the God who made them is present.

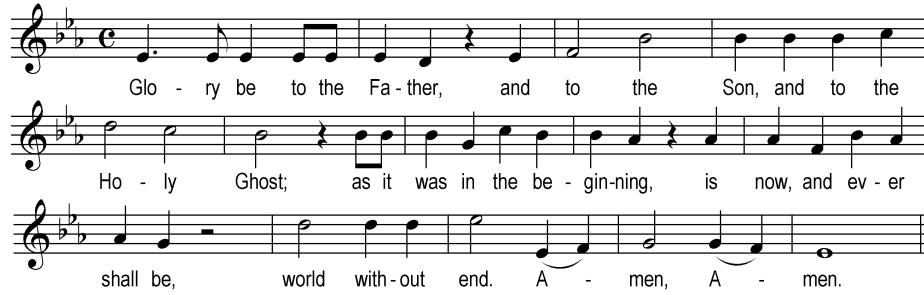
The Lamb, glorious on the throne, sits beside us;  
The Spirit of God, the Dove, makes her resting place among us.  
God inhales the breath of our prayers and spreads a table for our satisfaction. Let heaven be glad.

**People:** Let the whole earth cry glory.

**Leader:** Blessing and honor and glory and power be to our God forever and ever.

**People:** Amen.

**+\*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**

**CALL FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERTORY**

*My Heart Ever Faithful*  
J. S. Bach (from Cantata No. 68)

Kay Sidahmed

My heart ever faithful, sing praises, be joyful, thy Jesus is near;  
Away with complaining, faith ever maintaining, my Jesus is here;  
My heart ever faithful, sing praises, be joyful, thy Jesus is here!

***THE WORD SPOKEN & SUNG***

**SCRIPTURE**

Genesis 37:12–28

Old Testament, p. 34  
Casey W. FitzGerald

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

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

Patrick A. Hunnicutt

**SERMON**

*The Pit and the Rope*

Larry R. Hayward

“When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver.” (Genesis 37:28)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—*Nicene Creed (Ecumenical)***

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION

**\*COMMUNION HYMN 202** *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, \_\_\_\_\_

hea - ven and earth are full, \_\_\_\_\_ full \_\_\_\_\_ of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Leader: Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread, and broke it, and said, "This is my body – broken for you." Later he took a cup of wine and said, "This is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Take it, all of you, to remember me."

Leader: Jesus, firstborn of Mary,

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Leader: Jesus, Savior of the world,

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Leader: Jesus, monarch of heaven,

**People: Grant us peace.**

Leader: He whom the universe could not contain is present to us in this bread. He who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us in this cup. So take this bread and wine. In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.

## SERVING OF BREAD AND WINE

## PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Leader: In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same.

**People: Ask much of us, expect much from us,  
Enable much by us, encourage many through us.**

Leader: So Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of the earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

## *SENDING*

\***HYMN 215** *What Wondrous Love Is This*

## \***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; Dr. Sharon Strange, Guest Organist; Kay Sidahmed, Soloist.

**Today we will receive communion by intinction.** The transept pews will be served first, followed by the main sanctuary and balcony. Proceed down the center aisle and go to the most available servers and take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and eat. Please return to your pew using the side aisle. **Gluten-free communion wafers** are available.

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

**Flowers in the Sanctuary** are given by Karen Van Roekel in memory of her grandmother, Margaret Porter; and by Jenny Graves in memory of her husband, Edwin Graves.

**The small Dutch cradle cross** on the pulpit Bible marker has been placed in honor of Hayes Andrew Prum, born on August 3. Parents are Anna Kate & Nate Prum.

**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.

**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:** Nancy Harper

**Ushers:** Beth Richardson (captain), Kris Abrahamson, Barbara Allen, Michelle Clover, Donna Cramer, Terry Grindstaff, Cindy Shaw, John Woods

**Counters:** Carolyn Carmack, Judy Mahanes

**Bus Driver:** Tom Gangi

**Communion Prep:** Jan Dickerson

*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 30 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

August 20, 2017

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

Welcoming New Members



### Worship

10:00 a.m. Sanctuary

### Lectionary Passages

Genesis 45:1–15

Psalms 133

Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32

Matthew 15:(10–20) 21–28

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

*Grace in Hindsight*

Genesis 45:1–15

Casey W. FitzGerald

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# WESTMINSTER UPDATE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017



## **Reading and Learning the New Testament led by Larry Hayward Informational Meeting Today at 11:30 AM in Haverkamp Room**

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).

## **Counting Volunteers Needed**

As some of our volunteer counters are transitioning on to other activities, we are in need of new counters. A team of volunteer counters works one Sunday or Monday a month counting the offering summary from that week. We are most in need of Sunday counters who can be available for a couple hours following worship once a month. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Business Administrator Nancy Bea.

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## **MISSION AND SERVICE**

Contact Associate Pastor Patrick Hunnicutt.



## **Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Trip | Info Meeting on Sunday, August 20**

Travel to Rainelle, WV, from Thursday, October 19–Sunday, October 22 to participate in ASP's new Greenbrier Flood Recovery project, helping to build new homes in the area ravaged by the June 2016 floods. The informational meeting will be held at 11:15 AM in the Haverkamp Room. Please contact

[nationalmission@wpc-alex.org](mailto:nationalmission@wpc-alex.org) with questions and/or interest.

**Help the Carpenter's Shelter** | The Shelter has an ongoing need for: Umbrellas, Ponchos, Coffee, Sheets Twin Size XL (New or gently used), Comforters (New or gently used), Towels (New or gently used), Flip Flops/Shower Shoes (New). Donors can drop off items at the shelter or order online and have them shipped directly. For more information, contact [kellymcdermott@carpentersshelter.org](mailto:kellymcdermott@carpentersshelter.org).

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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!** Meet at 10 AM on August 18 at Kid's Choice Sport & Fun Center in Woodbridge. Once the school year starts, we'll return to our regular Wednesday morning meetings. *For parents and children 5 and under + siblings.*

**Children & Families Annual BBQ** | Saturday, September 16 | 4:30 - 7:00 PM in the Picnic Area | Families are invited to join us in our annual fall barbeque at the church! Bring your children and a salad or side to share. We will provide burgers, hot dogs and dessert.

**Children's Choir: Grades K-5** | Wednesdays beginning September 20 | Our young singers bring their music to Sunday worship approximately twice a month, fostering their development as worship leaders. Gather in Room 303/305; Rehearsals are in Room 304. Families (parents, grandparents, other caregivers, siblings) invited to share pizza dinner weekly for a small fee.

Genesis Singers (Grades K-2) rehearse 5:15-5:45 PM (pizza 5:46-6:15)

Covenant Singers (Grades 3-5) rehearse 5:45-6:15 PM (pizza 5:15-5:45)

**New Singers** | Wednesday, September 13 in Room 303/305. Learn some of our songs and games and have a pizza dinner together. Kindergarteners, meet at 5:15 PM; 3rd Graders at 5:50 PM. RSVP to Molly Roden.

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

Contact Amey Upton, Director.



**Towards Fuller Faith & Service** | Beginning in September, 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. For the full schedule, visit [wpc-alex.org/faith-and-service](http://wpc-alex.org/faith-and-service).

**Thursday Morning Study Group** | September 28–November 9, 9:30–11:00 a.m. in Haverkamp Room | In keeping with this year's adult ed theme, we will use the *Lives of Great Christians* series to examine how early Christians developed their faith and how that led them into Christian service. Discussions led by Anne Ledyard, Art Sauer and Pat Prosperi. For opening devotionals, participants will also be given the opportunity to share their faith journey and how this has led them into different types of ministry or service. All are welcome to attend.

**New Sunday Morning Small Group Bible Study** | October 1–November 6, 9:45 a.m. in Westminster Room | Join us for *The Present Word: Covenant With God*, an 8-week class designed to deepen our faith through small group discussion. Facilitators Emily Oehler and Steve & Eileen Denne will keep the conversation moving. There is an excellent book to guide us through the topics. Participants can drop in and out. Sign up at [wpc-alex.org/adult](http://wpc-alex.org/adult).

## 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.



**YOUTH** (Boomers and Beyond) [wpc-alex.org/youth](http://wpc-alex.org/youth)  
Contact Associate Pastor Whitney Fauntleroy.

**New Youth Ensemble Starts October 1!** Sundays, 5:30–6:30 p.m. in the Adult Choir Room (Room 112)  
Continue to strengthen and expand your musicianship and personal and choral singing skills or share your instrumental skills. Bring a variety of types of music to worship, including classically composed and hymn based anthems, Gospel, Spiritual and Christian Rock. Questions? Contact Molly Roden at [mroden@wpc-alex.org](mailto:mroden@wpc-alex.org).

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## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**Join Tables for 8!** [wpc-alex.org/tables-for-8](http://wpc-alex.org/tables-for-8)

Groups of adults (singles or couples, members or visitors) meet in homes every 4-6 weeks to dine and enjoy fellowship together. The host prepares the main dish, while other members contribute appetizers, side dishes, and desserts to complete the meal. It's a fun and interesting way to get to know other Westminster people in a casual setting. We hope to see many new and returning participants in our 23rd year! Sign up in person on Sundays in September at Lemonade on the Lawn or anytime by emailing Janet Harris at [tablesfor8@wpc-alex.org](mailto:tablesfor8@wpc-alex.org). Deadline to sign up is Sunday, September 24.

Kick-Off Meeting | Saturday, September 30 | 6:30 PM in the Haverkamp Room | Meet your Tables for 8 group!  
Bring a dish to share that can serve eight people.

**FLYING SOLO SINGLES** (50's and above) [wpc-alex.org/flying-solo](http://wpc-alex.org/flying-solo)  
Contact Nancy Hall Berens, Director.

**Sunday Brunch at Clyde's** | Today | 1700 N. Beauregard St. Carpool at 11:15 a.m. after church or meet there at 11:30 a.m.

**Potluck** | Tuesday, August 22 | 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.

**Nationals Baseball Game** | Saturday, August 26 | For those who have already reserved a ticket through Art Sauer. Art will provide transportation details to participants.

**Registration now open for Flying Solo's Fall Retreat** | October 6-8 at Hallowood 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.

**Monday, September 18 | Museum of Natural History & IMAX Theater**

One last trip to the IMAX theater to see *Amazon Adventure 3D* (the theater is closing at the end of September). Time also to explore the museum and have lunch. Cost: \$10-15 plus lunch (ticket cost based on number). Meet in the church parking lot at 9:30 AM.

**Thursday, September 7 | Little Theatre of Alexandria's Driving Miss Daisy**

This Pulitzer Prize-winning play shows that friendships are found in even the most unlikely circumstances. Show starts at 8 PM; arrive between 7:30-7:45 to receive your ticket.

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

*For a full list of all events, visit [wpc-alex.org/church-events](http://wpc-alex.org/church-events)*

### **Sunday, August 13—19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	New Testament Class Info Session	Haverkamp Room
11:30 a.m.	Flying Solo Brunch	Clyde's

### **Monday, August 14**

7:45 p.m.	AA – Del Ray Hill Group	Room 103/105
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### **Tuesday, August 15**

9:30 a.m.	Craft Workshop	Room 104
10:15 a.m.	Meals on Wheels	Offsite
11:00 a.m.	Staff Meetings	Haverkamp Room
7:00 p.m.	National Mission Committee	Westminster Room
7:30 p.m.	Craft Workshop	Room 104
7:30 p.m.	Faith on Tap	Ramparts

### **Wednesday, August 16**

7:30 p.m.	Administration & Finance	Westminster Room
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### **Thursday, August 17**

6:30 p.m.	ACA – Double Winners Group	Room 103/105
7:00 p.m.	ACA – Bradlee Group	Johnson Parlor
8:00 p.m.	AA – Back to Basics Group	Room 103/105

### **Friday, August 18**

10:00 a.m.	Family Mornings	Offsite
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### **Saturday, August 19**

9:00 a.m.	AA – Women's Primary Purpose Grp	Room 103/105
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### **Sunday, August 20—20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m.	New Member Meeting with Session	Johnson Parlor
10:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
11:15 a.m.	ASP Mission Trip Info Meeting	Haverkamp Room