

September 10, 2017
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Surely
Paul Langston (1962-1985)

Westminster Choir

Surely the Lord is in this place. This is none other than the house of God and this is the gate of heaven.
(Genesis 28:16-17)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

People: God's steadfast love endures forever. (Psalm 107)

Leader: Love does no wrong to a neighbor;

People: Love is the fulfillment of the law. (Romans 13)

Leader: Let us worship God.

+***HYMN 619** *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Casey W. FitzGerald

**From the beginning until now,
Loving God,
We have turned away from you,
Following lesser ways,
Pursuing a lesser life
Than the life offered to us in Christ.
Yet you will not abandon us.
You call out,
Warning and wooing us
To turn,
To return to you.
Even when we fall away
From brothers and sisters in the church,
You remain present with us.
Help us to love as you love—
Wholeheartedly—
Until we are reconciled to you
And to our neighbor.
In Christ's name, we pray.**

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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The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff.

*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.

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff.

+ WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY

The Road Home
Stephen Paulus (b. 1949)

Westminster Choir

"Tell me, where is the road I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost so long ago?
All these years I have wandered, oh when will I know
There's a way, there's a road that will lead me home?"

After wind, after rain, when the dark is done,
As I wake from a dream in the gold of day,
Through the air there's a calling from far away,
There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me, come away, is the call,
With the love in your heart as the only song;
There is no such beauty as where you belong;
Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home."

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Romans 13:8–10

New Testament, p. 162
Whitney K. Fauntleroy

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 1st graders are invited to Children and Worship.

SERMON

Summed Up

Larry R. Hayward

“Owe no one anything, except to love one another...” (Romans 13:8)

THE WORD MADE VISIBLE

*HYMN 500 *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

SENDING

***HYMN 234** *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

***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; R. Benjamin Hutchens, II, Interim Director of Music Ministries; Westminster Choir.

Gluten-free communion wafers are available.

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

Flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Susan & Lanny Griffith in memory of their son, David.

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. 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: Rhyan Hance

Ushers: Joe Torpey (captain), Sue Sikes, Jim Silverwood, Chris Singerling, Jessica Singerling, Doug Todd, Nancy Todd, Chris Van Horne, Brian Young, Barbara Allen

Bus Driver: Sheff Richey

Communion Prep: Jan Dickerson, Carolyn Fraser

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 Class** on **Sunday, October 1 at 9:45 AM** 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; or Pastor Larry Hayward at lhayward@wpc-alex.org or 703-549-4766.

Next Sunday September 17, 2017 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time Welcoming New Members		Worship 8:30 a.m. Chapel 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Lectionary Passages		
Exodus 14:19–31 Psalm 114		Romans 14:1–12 Matthew 18:21–35
Sermon <i>Through the Sea</i> Exodus 14:19–31 Larry R. Hayward		

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WESTMINSTER UPDATE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Westminster Foundation Congregational Brunch

Saturday, September 16 | 9:30–11 AM in Haverkamp Room

Members of the Foundation Board will give a very brief overview of long-term financial planning and also answer any questions about Westminster's Planned Giving Campaign. This will be a very low-key event with good fellowship for interested members! Childcare and transportation available. Those interested, RSVP by Monday, September 11 at wpc-alex.org/foundation or with Jessica Thurnes in the church office.



Blessing of the Animals Service on Sunday, October 1

3:30–4 PM in the Blomberg Courtyard (rain or shine!)

Bring your beloved friends for a short service of blessing as we give thanks for the gift of Creation and renew our commitment to be stewards of that gift. All manner of pets are welcome, but please be mindful of your pet's ability to be in a crowd with other animals.

MISSION AND SERVICE

PCUSA Response to Hurricane Harvey | Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been in touch with the presbyteries in the path of Hurricane Harvey to offer assistance. They are standing by with resources and National Response Team members ready to deploy upon invitation and when it is safe to do so.

For those who wish to support PDA's emergency response and recovery efforts, gifts can be made payable to Westminster designated "DR000169-Harvey" in the memo line. You can also donate online at <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000169/>.

George Mason Tutoring | Volunteers needed to help George Mason Elementary students with their reading skills approximately one hour a week after school (October–December; February to April). If interested or if you have questions, please contact the program coordinator, bettymills@att.net or localmission@wpc-alex.org. This is a George Mason PTA program sponsored by Westminster. The time commitment is small but the rewards are great.

Apple Gleaning | Saturday, September 23 | Glean apples for donation to Virginia food banks at Marker-Miller Orchard in Winchester, Virginia. For more info, contact Anne Marks & Sue Aland at nationalmission@wpc-alex.org.

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Trip | 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. Please contact nationalmission@wpc-alex.org with questions and/or interest.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

CHILDREN & FAMILIES (Nursery-Grade 5) wpc-alex.org/families

Contact *Patty Chamberlain, Director*.

Children & Families Annual BBQ | Saturday, September 16 | 4:30–7:00 PM in the Picnic Area | 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

Contact Amey Upton, Director.



Towards Fuller Faith & Service | wpc-alex.org/faith-and-service

9:45-10:45 AM in Haverkamp Room

This year's theme for Sunday mornings will challenge us to praise God more fully and serve our neighbors more vibrantly. We'll start our series today with Pastor Larry Hayward and *Where Does Westminster Fit Within Christianity Today?*

Next Sunday, September 17: *From Loss to Progress: Mental Illness Towards Health with Doris A. Fuller, Chief of Research & Public Affairs, Treatment Advocacy Center* | Following the loss of her daughter to mental illness, Doris has become an international advocate for those dealing with chronic mental illness. Learn from someone who deals with brain diseases about making a difference.

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. Contact Jessica Thurnes if you are planning to attend. More information at wpc-alex.org/thursday-morning-study-group/

New Sunday Morning Small Group Bible Study | October 1-November 26, 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, Susan Cloud, 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.

YOUNG ADULTS wpc-alex.org/young-adult

Contact Associate Pastor Whitney Fauntleroy.

Faith on Tap | Tuesday, September 12 at 7:30 PM | Ramparts Tavern & Grill, 1700 Fern St. in Alexandria. An informal gathering; no reservation needed.

YOUTH (Grades 6-12) wpc-alex.org/youth

Contact Associate Pastor Whitney Fauntleroy.

Haven't seen Moana? Whitney is going on Saturday, September 16 at Cinema Del Ray and would love company. You don't even have to be a youth! 7 PM.

Regular Sunday Schedule:

4:30-6 PM | Middle School Youth Fellowship

6-7 PM | Youth Music Ensemble (begins October 1)

7-8 PM | High School Youth Fellowship

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Join Tables for 8! wpc-alex.org/tables-for-8

Groups of adults meet in homes every 4-6 weeks to dine together. The host prepares the main dish, while others contribute appetizers, sides, and desserts. A fun way to get to know other Westminster people in a casual setting. Sign up on Sundays in September at Lemonade on the Lawn or anytime by emailing Janet Harris at tablesfor8@wpc-alex.org. Deadline to sign up is Sunday, September 24. Kick-Off Meeting is Saturday, September 30 at 6:30 PM in the Haverkamp Room Meet your group! Bring a dish to share that serves eight.

MEN OF WESTMINSTER www.wpc-alex.org/men-of-westminster

Sign up with Dudley Schadeberg at mow@wpc-alex.org

Men's Breakfast | Friday, September 15, 7-8:30 AM in Fellowship Hall | *The Airlines and the Pilot Shortage* | Author and pilot Thomas W. Young will speak about the current pilot shortage in the commercial airline industry.

FLYING SOLO SINGLES (50's and above) wpc-alex.org/flying-solo

Contact Nancy Hall Berens, Director.

Dine-Out | Tomorrow, September 11 | Reconnect with church friends after the summer at Cheesetique, 2411 Mt. Vernon Ave. in Del Ray. Carpool from church at 7:00 PM or meet there at 7:15.

Check out the Library of Congress! | Saturday, September 23 | Meet at church at 9:00 AM to carpool to Metro. We will aim for the 10:30 AM tour and then visit special and ongoing exhibits, including an exhibit marking the 100th anniversary of the U.S. entering WWI.

Register now for our 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*. Information in the education wing kiosk or online. Deadline to register is September 18.

Monthly Potluck | Tuesday, September 26 at 7 PM in Johnson Parlor. We'll make sandwiches for Bag Lunch then share potluck supper together.

Book Group | Monday, October 30 | "The Islamic Jesus: How the King of the Jews Became a Prophet of the Muslims" by Mustafa Akyol. Learn how the three Abrahamic faith traditions intersect, what they share in common, and how the Islamic understanding of Jesus is connected to both Judaism and Christianity. There are 2 copies of the book in the church library to borrow.

ROADSTERS (Boomers and Beyond) wpc-alex.org/roadsters

Sign up with Patty Chamberlain, Director.

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

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.

WOMEN wpc-alex.org/presbyterian-women

Contact Nancy Hall Berens, Director.

Circles | All women are invited to monthly Bible study in small group circle groups. Our 2017-2018 Bible Study is "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews." We will explore the Biblical community in the Letter to the Hebrews as well as the importance of our own communities – of faith, of family, and of friends, with Christ as our foundation.

Elizabeth Circle | Tues. September 12 | 10 AM | Johnson Parlor

Hannah Circle | Tues. September 19 | 7:30 PM | Johnson Parlor

Rachel Circle | Tues. September 12 | 7 PM | Johnson Parlor

Ruth Circle | Wed. September 20 | 10 AM | Johnson Parlor
Sarah Circle | Tues. September 12 | 7:30 PM | Haverkamp Room

New Daytime Circle is forming! This circle will be aimed at women ages 20s-50s who have daytime flexibility. Mothers of children elementary school age and younger especially encouraged. Contact Nancy Hall Berens if interested!

Book Groups | Monday, September 25 at 11:00 AM or 7:30 PM in Johnson Parlor | Read *From Sand and Ash* by Amy Harmon, a historical novel of faith and love during WWII.

Make Your Voice Heard! Presbyterian Women National Capital Presbytery Fall Gathering | Saturday, September 30 | 9 AM–12:30 PM at Gaithersburg PC | Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, Director of PC(USA) Office of Public Witness, will share his thoughts on Christian witness. Workshops include *Leaders Shall Lead!* And *Volunteer Mission to Haiti*. Worship w/ Communion & Compassion/Peace/Justice Offering. Registration (\$15), light refreshments beginning at 8:30. Reservations, carpool info: pw@wpc-alex.org.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

For a full list of all events, visit wpc-alex.org/church-events

Sunday, September 10—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m.	Worship	Chapel
9:30 a.m.	Youth Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m.	Towards Fuller Faith & Service	Haverkamp Room
9:45 a.m.	Whole Family Creation Station	3 rd Floor
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
2:30 p.m.	UO&A Steering Committee	Room 103/105
4:00 p.m.	New Testament Class Begins	Haverkamp Room

Monday, September 11

7:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds Committee	Haverkamp Room
7:00 p.m.	Flying Solo Dine-Out	Offsite
7:45 p.m.	AA – Del Ray Hill Group	Room 103/105

Tuesday, September 12

7:30 p.m.	Faith on Tap	Ramparts
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Wednesday, September 13

10:00 a.m.	Family Mornings	Room 302
12:00 p.m.	Chronicle Deadline	
5:15 p.m.	New Singers (Children's Choirs)	3 rd Floor
7:00 p.m.	Deacon Huddle	Haverkamp Room
7:30 p.m.	Worship & Music Committee	Westminster Room

Thursday, September 14

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

Friday, September 15

7:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Fellowship Hall
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Saturday, September 16

9:00 a.m.	AA – Women’s Primary Purpose Grp	Room 103/105
9:30 a.m.	Foundation Brunch	Haverkamp Room
4:30 p.m.	Children & Families BBQ	Picnic Area

Sunday, September 17—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m.	Worship	Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Towards Fuller Faith & Service	Haverkamp Room
9:45 a.m.	Creation Station	3 rd Floor
9:45 a.m.	Middle School Youth Cafe	Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m.	New Member Meeting with Session	Johnson Parlor
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
4:30 p.m.	Middle School Youth	Room 401
7:00 p.m.	High School Youth	Room 405

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