

October 15, 2017
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Westminster Choir

Teach Me, O Lord, the Ways of Thy Statutes
Thomas Attwood (1765–1838)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.
(Psalm 119)

Leader: O God, you do such wonderful things;
People: We exalt you and praise your name.
Leader: You wipe our tears and restore our hope;
People: We thank you and rejoice in your salvation.
Leader: You free us from oppression and welcome us into your kingdom;
People: We worship you and delight in your glory.

+***HYMN 734** *Hope of the World*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Larry R. Hayward

Leader: When we have fashioned idols of our own desire
or worshiped the temples of our own tradition,
People: Lord, have mercy.
Leader: When we have denied your invitation to the banquet of love and justice,
or failed to extend the invitation to others,
People: Christ, have mercy.
Leader: When we have adorned ourselves with worry rather than joy,
or failed to be gentle, knowing you are near,
People: Lord, have mercy.

Please continue to pray silently

***KYRIE ELEISON**



Lord, have mer-cy up - on us. Lord, have mer-cy up - on us.

Lord, _____ have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

8 on _____ us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

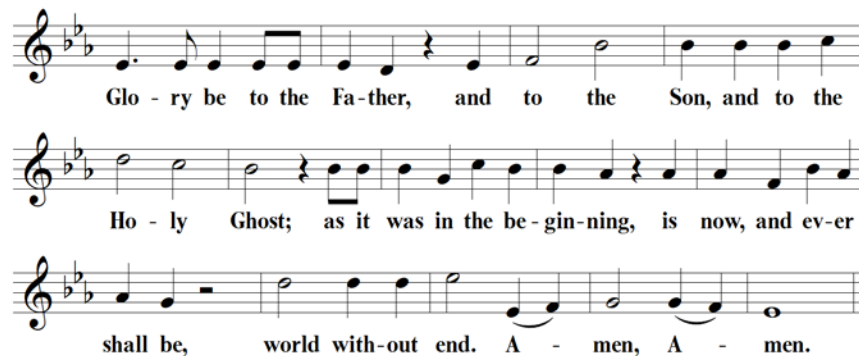
Christ, have mer - cy up - on _____ us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, _____ have mer - cy up - on us.

***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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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.

***HYMN OF WELCOME**

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - ian love. The fel - lo -
ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.

+ WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THE WORD

ANTHEM

Hear, O People
Ron Nelson

Genesis Choir

Hear O People, the Lord is one. We shall love the Lord, our God with all our heart and soul, with all our might. Praise be God's name whose kingdom is forever! Praise be God's name forever and ever! (Deuteronomy 6:4-5)

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 32:1-14

Old Testament, p. 78

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

24 Karat Magic

Whitney K. Fautleroy

Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever." And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people. (Exodus 32:13-14)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Casey W. FitzGerald

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

Sarah Scruggs

CALL FOR OFFERING

Flowers in the Sanctuary are given in memory of Margie Carpenter; and by Jane & Connie Ring in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

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: Brian Jones
Ushers: Beth Richardson (captain), Barbara Allen, Bob Blanchard, Matt Bowman, Michelle Clover, Doug Todd, Nancy Todd, Fowler West, Wanda Worsham, Brian Young
Bus Driver: Sarah Fabish
Counters: Terry Grindstaff, Judy Harper, Glenn Thomas
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, November 5 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

October 22, 2017
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sacrament of Baptism



Worship

8:30 a.m. Chapel
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Lectionary Passages

Exodus 33:12–23
Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10
Matthew 22:15–22

Sermon

Where Does Westminster Fit Within Christianity Today?

Acts 17:16–34
Larry R. Hayward

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

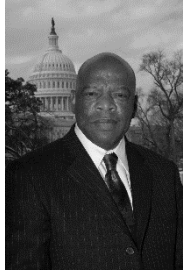
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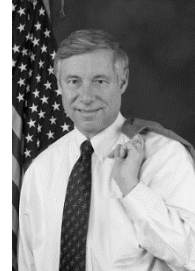
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017

Third Annual Dessert & Dialogue: Faith and Public Service A Conversation w/ Congressmen John Lewis & Fred Upton Moderated by Charlie Cook

Monday, October 23 | 7-9 PM in Fellowship Hall



John Lewis, U.S. Representative & Civil Rights Activist, is one of the “Big Six” leaders of the Civil Rights Movement. Fred Upton, U.S. Representative, joined Congress in 1987, and became friends with John through their joint work on the Faith & Politics Institute. How have these two public servants tried to understand the views and values of people who don’t share their party affiliation? How has their faith informed their public service? How has their work been driven by their belief in something greater than themselves? You are encouraged to bring family, friends, neighbors and coworkers to this event! No RSVP needed.



Stewardship Campaign Kick-Off | Westminster’s annual stewardship campaign kicked-off last Sunday. Our theme for the campaign, “Lighting the Path, Together” reflects the role that Westminster plays in our lives during these turbulent times in Alexandria and across the world. This year we’re asking members to prayerfully consider a 4.6% increase in their pledge to support budget increases for staff and missions, among other areas. Find more information about Stewardship and make your pledge online at wpc-alex.org/stewardship.

Sabbatical for Casey FitzGerald | The Session has approved Casey taking a three-month sabbatical, beginning on October 24. In the Presbyterian Church, pastors are eligible for sabbaticals after six years of ministry in an individual church; Casey is now in her 12th year with us. Casey’s primary sabbatical goal is for “intentional exploration and reflection, for regaining the enthusiasm and creativity for ministry, for discovering what will make [my] heart sing” (to use the words of the Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Program description). While she’s away, she’ll be reading, writing, and creating. Casey will return on January 23, 2018—ready to engage with what is next for the church!

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on October 29 immediately following the 11:00 AM service for the purpose of approving the nominees for the Session and Board of Deacons Classes of 2020. The Committee appreciates the blessing that is this active and vibrant congregation which is so willing to serve. The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce and present the following nominees for elder: Alex Bryant, Phil Kuhl, Jill Maguire, Jill McClure, Ted Pusey, Candace Rush, Jim Sample, John Scruggs, and Melissa Sellevaag; and the following nominees for deacon: Becca Bagley, Bill Eckert, Jim Ewalt, Jim Helm, Susan McAdoo, John McArdle, Chris Miles, David Moser, and Anne Pickett.

Eileen Jinks to Retire | On September 27, the Session was notified of Eileen Jinks’ decision to retire from her role as Pastoral Care Coordinator effective December 15, 2017. It will be hard to say goodbye, but we are ever-grateful for her over nine years of ministry and the blessings she has so caringly shared with us.

MISSION AND SERVICE

Meals on Wheels | Tuesday, October 17 | Volunteers needed to drive and deliver meals. Time commitment approx. one and a half hours. Contact localmission@wpc-alex.org to sign up!

Carpenter's Shelter Movie Screening: *Same Kind of Different as Me* (2017) Wednesday, October 18 | Hoffman AMC Center 22 in Alexandria | *Same Kind of Different As Me* is the true story of an international art dealer who befriends a homeless man in hopes of saving his struggling marriage. With Greg Kinnear, Djimon Hounsou, Renee Zellweger, and Jon Voight. Go to carpentersshelter.org to purchase tickets.

Rebuilding Together Alexandria is looking for volunteers of all skill levels on October 28 to rehab a foreclosed condo that will be sold to a low-income family. If interested, please contact localmission@wpc-alex.org.

Meade Memorial Episcopal Church in Old Town is seeking volunteers to serve hot lunch on Saturdays from October–March, 12–1 PM. This is the site of our weekday Bag Lunch ministry. All food is prepared on site so the commitment is to serve only, one or more Saturdays depending on your interest/availability. To sign up, contact Meade at admin@meadechurch.org or contact localmission@wpc-alex.org with questions.

ALIVE! Empty Bowls Fundraiser | Saturday, November 18 | 6-8 PM at Durant Arts Center | Westminster is sponsoring this annual fundraiser by which we “Fill a bowl, and fill a need” to assist those living with poverty and hunger in Alexandria. At the event, choose a bowl handmade by local artists and enjoy a simple supper provided by local restaurants and bakeries. To buy tickets or make a donation, visit www.alive-inc.org.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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 (unless otherwise noted)

Today | *Losing a Loved One: How Faith & Service Might Merge* with Dr. Amy Dyer, Virginia Theological Seminary | *Principles for Shared Life* with Rev. Dr. Francis Wade has been postponed.

Next Sunday | *Serving Those with Substance Addictions* with Dr. Sally Satel, American Enterprise Institute | Dr. Satel is a psychiatrist and a lecturer whose research areas include domestic drug policy, psychological impact of war & disasters, and political trends in medicine and transplant policy.

Small Group Bible Study | Through November 26 in Westminster Room | Join us for *The Present Word: Covenant With God* to study the Bible and learn from one another; explore assumptions and biases regarding our faith; and deepen your faith and trust in the faith community. Participants can drop in and out.

Third Annual Jack Moline Lecture Series | Sunday, October 22 | 4 PM at Agudas Achim Congregation on Valley Drive | The speaker this year is Ari Roth, Director of Mosaic Theatre and former director of Theatre J. A reception will follow in the lobby. agudasachim-va.org.

Reformed Institute Conference | November 17–18 at National Cathedral Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation with this two-day conference featuring Dr. Bruce Gordon, Yale University, and Dr. Brad Gregory, University of Notre Dame, presenting “After All These Years: Roman Catholic & Reformed Perspectives on the Reformations 16th Century.” Register at www.reformedinstitute.org. Dinner included; advanced registration required.

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

Contact *Patty Chamberlain, Director*.

Milestones of Faith for 1st Graders and Parents | Sunday, October 22, 9:45–10:45 AM on the 3rd floor. Patty and Casey FitzGerald will lead a special program for learning about baptism!

YOUNG ADULTS wpc-alex.org/young-adult

Contact *Associate Pastor Whitney Fauntleroy*.

Faith on Tap | Tuesday, November 14 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*.

Today's Activities | No Middle School Fellowship Today. Youth Ensemble, 6-7 PM (Choir Room 112). High School Fellowship, 7-8 PM (4th Floor).

Sundays, October 22 & 29 | Afternoon fellowships will be for both middle school and high school from 4:30-6 PM, as we plan and host a fall festival for the children of Westminster!

High School Lock-In | Rescheduled for Friday, December 15! Let Whitney know if you plan to attend.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Music Director Search Committee Open Discussion | Sunday, October 22 | 12:30 PM in Westminster Room
The Search Committee is working to develop a vision of the future of music at Westminster. All are invited to share your thoughts about how music at our church can enhance our worship and congregational life, now and in the years to come. If you can't make it, contact us at MDSearch@wpc-alex.org.

Simplify your holiday decorating! Order wreaths and other greenery from the Boy Scouts of Westminster's Troop 129. Forms available in Fellowship Hall and the Education wing lobby. Orders taken today through October 29 in Fellowship Hall. Decorations available for pickup beginning Sunday, November 26.

Outsiders Hike in Shenandoah National Park | Saturday, October 21 | 8 AM–5 PM

<https://www.nps.gov/shen/fox-hollow.htm> | Join us for a hike on Fox Farm–Snead Farm Loop in Shenandoah National Park. Pack a lunch and bring water. Bring snacks, sunscreen, hat, and bug spray as appropriate. Meet at the church to leave on the bus by 8 AM. Entrance fee is \$10.00 per person without a National Parks pass. RSVP requested to Kera Winburn at outsiders@wpc-alex.org. If you are interested in a more strenuous hike, please let Kera know when you register.

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

Contact *Nancy Hall Berens, Director*.

Monthly Potluck | Tuesday, October 24 | 7 PM in Johnson Parlor. Come make sandwiches for Bag Lunch and share a simple potluck supper together.

Book Group | Monday, October 30, 7 PM at the home of Cindy Smith | "The Islamic Jesus: How the King of the Jews Became a Prophet of the Muslims" by Mustafa Akyol.

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

Sign up with Patty Chamberlain, Director.

Lunch and Learn: One Year Later, Where Are We Now? | Monday, October 16 | Those who have signed up, join us for lunch at 12:00 PM in the Haverkamp Room. Cost: \$10.

WOMEN wpc-alex.org/presbyterian-women

Contact Nancy Hall Berens, Director.

New Daytime Circle Informational Meeting | Monday, October 16 | 9:30 AM in Johnson Parlor | Find out what a Circle Bible Study is all about! This circle will be aimed at women ages 20s-50s who have daytime flexibility. We will gather once a month for Bible study, fellowship, and mission outreach. Our 2017-2018 Bible Study is "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews." Contact Nancy Hall Berens with questions or stop by to learn more.

Book Groups | Read *The Rising Tide* by Molly Keane. The morning group will meet on Monday, October 23 at 11:00 AM; the evening group will meet on Monday, October 30 at 7:30 PM. Johnson Parlor.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Weekly activities are not listed. For a full list of events, visit wpc-alex.org/church-events

Sunday, October 15—Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m.	Worship	Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Towards Fuller Faith & Service	Haverkamp Room
9:45 a.m.	Small Group Bible Study	Westminster 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
6:00 p.m.	Youth Ensemble	Room 112
7:00 p.m.	High School Youth Fellowship	Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 16

9:30 a.m.	New Women's Daytime Circle	Johnson Parlor
12:00 p.m.	Roadsters Lunch & Learn	Haverkamp Room
7:15 p.m.	Women's Shanghai	Haverkamp Room
7:45 p.m.	AA - Del Ray Hill Group	Room 103/105

Tuesday, October 17

10:15 a.m.	Meals on Wheels	Offsite
11:00 a.m.	Staff Meetings	Haverkamp Room
4:00 p.m.	Stewardship Committee	Westminster Room
7:00 p.m.	National Mission Committee	Haverkamp Room
7:30 p.m.	Hannah Circle	Johnson Parlor

Wednesday, October 18

10:00 a.m.	Moms Bible Study	Room 303/305
7:30 p.m.	Administration & Finance	Westminster Room

Thursday, October 19

ASP Mission Trip Departs

9:30 a.m.	<i>Chronicle</i> Mailing	
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, October 20

Office Open

Saturday, October 21

8:00 a.m.	Outsiders	Offsite
9:00 a.m.	AA – Women’s Primary Purpose Grp	Room 103/105

Sunday, October 22—Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m.	Worship	Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Towards Fuller Faith & Service	Haverkamp Room
9:45 a.m.	Small Group Bible Study	Westminster Room
9:45 a.m.	Creation Station	3 rd Floor
9:45 a.m.	Middle School Youth Cafe	Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m.	High School Breakfast & Bible	Offsite
11:00 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
12:30 p.m.	Music Search Committee Discussion	Westminster Room
4:30 p.m.	All Youth Fellowship	Room 401
6:00 p.m.	Youth Ensemble	Room 112

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