

March 11, 2018
Fourth Sunday in Lent
11:00 a.m.

*Those who are able, please stand.

+Ushers will seat worshipers.

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures forever.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

MEDITATION

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Mark Jones

+*HYMN 213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Patrick Hunnicutt

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

We confess that it is still all too easy for us

to sacrifice our convictions for convenience,

Your standards for status, your principles for promotion,

Your absolutes for our ambition,

Our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success.

How easily we are seduced by power, prestige, pleasure,

or possessions —

Seduced into violating our integrity or harming our fellowship with you.

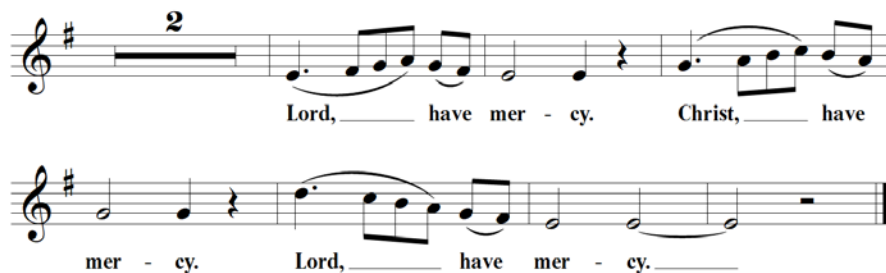
From earth's fullest bliss we turn to you again, unfulfilled.

Forgive us our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded spirit.

In the name of him who refused to save himself we pray. Amen.

Please continue to pray silently

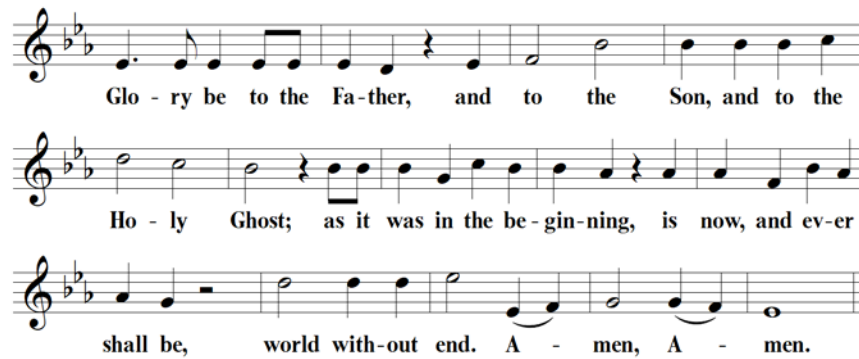
***KYRIE ELEISON**



Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have
mer - cy. Lord, _____ 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

Larry Hayward

CALL FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OFFERTORY

"God So Loved the World"

John D. Horman

Genesis &
Covenant Choirs
Sue Aland, *flute*

God so loved the world, A son was given.
God so loved the world, That whosoever believes in him,
That to us a son was Shall live forever.
given,

John 3:16

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 2:1-4

Youth Ensemble

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Following the Children's Sermon, Kindergartners and 1st graders
are invited to Children and Worship.*

SERMON

Alliance and Defiance

Whitney Fauntleroy

THE WORD MADE VISIBLE

***COMMUNION HYMN 516**

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Westminster Youth Ensemble

Dona Nobis Pacem
Anonymous (Hymn 752)

English
Grant us peace

Arabic
يا الهي او يا ربي اعطنا السلام

Latin
Dona nobis pacem

Hebrew
עֲלֵינוּ שָׁלוֹם

SENDING

*HYMN 215

What Wondrous Love is This

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Gluten-free communion wafers are available.

Leading worship today are Larry R. Hayward, Pastor; Whitney K. Fautleroy, Associate Pastor; Patrick Hunnicutt, Associate Pastor; Sue Aland, flute; Jane Bourdow, organ; Westminster Youth Ensemble; Genesis Choir; Covenant Choir; and Molly Roden, Interim Director of Children's Music.

The Congregation is invited to “Coffee & Crackers” in Fellowship Hall after worship, hosted by the Nominating Committee. The simplicity of today’s fellowship hour reflects that we are in a time of prayer and contemplation as we anticipate Holy Week.

The small Dutch cradle cross on the pulpit Bible marker in the Sanctuary today has been placed in honor of David Miles Karner, born on January 8. Parents are Stephanie and Matt Karner.

Flowers in the Sanctuary are given by George Pera in loving memory of Nancy.

Liturgical Colors | Today our paraments are Purple for Lent. The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter.

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.

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: Bill Eckert
Ushers: Ken Niemann (captain), Barbara Allen, Bob Blanchard, Mitt Bowman, Donna Cramer & John Woods, Doug & Nancy Todd, Fowler West, and Brian Young
Bus Driver: Louise Anderson
Bus Assistants: Alexis Crumbley & Linda Duncan
Counters: Bill Kemp, Marydel Kemp, and Judy Mahanes
Communion Prep: Jan Dickerson, Carolyn Fraser, and Wanda Worsham
Flower Delivery: John McArdle & Kirstin O’Connor

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, April 8 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

March 18, 2018
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Worship

8:30 AM Chapel
11:00 AM Sanctuary

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12

Lectionary Passages

Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

Lenten Sermon Series: The Chichester Psalms

Calm

Psalm 131

Larry R. Hayward



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Whitney K. Fauntleroy, Associate Pastor
R. Benjamin Hutchens, II, Director of Music Ministries

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WESTMINSTER UPDATE

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018



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LENT TOGETHER | WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

5-7:15 PM | Worship Stations in the Sanctuary

Join us to worship with our eyes, our ears, our hands, and our hearts. Our worship stations are created with all ages in mind. Come at any time, and stay as long as you like. *Worship stations will also continue on March 21.*

6-6:45 PM | Simple Supper in Fellowship Hall

\$5/person age 5 and up | free for age 4 and under | family max \$20

7:15-8:30 PM | "Living Towards the End of Life" with Rev. Dan Duggan in the Chapel

Daniel R. Duggan, Director of Chaplaincy at Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, will kick-off a series that focus us on living our lives to the fullest. Join an intergenerational conversation to examine beliefs in the different stages of life.

March 14 | *Using Biblical Journaling in Growing Our Faith & Spirituality*

SERMON SERIES | SUNDAYS, MARCH 11 & 18

During Lent, the sermons at Westminster will use the Psalms set by Bernstein as their textural reference. All of your pastors and staff are looking forward to sharing a meaningful season of Lent together.

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST | MARCH 25 9:30-10:30AM

Join us for our annual church-wide potluck Palm Sunday Breakfast! Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share. No need to bring serving utensils. Families with children can come enjoy breakfast then head out for the donkey processional. To volunteer, contact Joy Cameron at CL@wpc-alex.org.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to welcome Cambria Van de Vaarst as Westminster's first Music Intern. Cambria was raised in Woodbridge, VA and is a recent graduate of the Shenandoah Music Conservatory. Her primary instrument is the harp and she holds a performance certificate in organ and church music. Each week she will assist in the preparation and conducting of all of our choirs, play for portions of our services, and receive weekly conducting and organ lessons. Internships like this one provide us with a unique opportunity to provide hands-on education to the next generation of church Music leaders.

Ben Hutchens is grateful to the Session for approving this new position and especially to Katherine Gunter and the Personnel Committee for their careful review and approval of his proposal. Please take a moment to greet Cambria and welcome her to the Westminster family.

MISSION & SERVICE

Meals on Wheels | Volunteers needed to drive and deliver meals on March 20. Time commitment approx. 1.5 hours. Contact localmission@wpc-alex.org.

Easter Flower Mission Project Deadline: Sunday, March 25 | Honor or memorialize loved ones with a dedication in the Easter bulletin! In addition to providing sanctuary flowers, donations support the Senior High Mission Trip to Haiti. Make out checks to WPC with "Easter Flowers" in the memo. No minimum or maximum. Place donation in the offering plate or contact Tara Cain.

2018 Westminster Community Grant | The Westminster Community Grant provides area charitable organizations with one-time financial assistance for a non-operational expense. Submit applications by **Friday, March 30**. Selected agencies will be presented with their grant awards on **Sunday, June 24** during the worship service. Questions may be directed to Melissa Sellevaag, Community Grant Review Committee Chair, at communitygrant@wpc-alex.org.

Carpenter's Shelter Annual Cook-Off Fundraiser | Sunday, April 22
12-3 PM at the Birchmere. Sample dishes from 20+ area restaurants and listen to live music while supporting efforts to end homelessness. \$50 adults/\$20 children. Tickets and more information at carpentersshelter.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)

Rabbi Jack Moline & Rev. Dr. Larry Hayward will continue their series today and next Sunday on "Context" (March 11) and "Pretext" (March 18). Be moved by the text. Change the way you access Scripture. What does a text mean to you for today? Jack and Larry will challenge our thinking, respond to each other, and challenge us to participate in a give-and-take like you've never experienced.

Congregational Book Read | Six small groups are meeting this month to discuss the "Mind of God." You may still participate! Contact Amey Upton. Author Dr. Jay Lombard will speak at WPC on Monday, March 12.

YOUTH (Grades 6-12) wpc-alex.org/youth
Contact Associate Pastor Whitney Fauntleroy.

A Wrinkle in Time | All youth invited to a 3D matinee of *A Wrinkle in Time* today at Regal Cinemas Potomac Yard. Bring \$10 & meet Whitney there at 1:30 PM.

Youth Sunday | Come to Youth Fellowship to plan Youth Sunday worship. March 18, 4:30 - 6:00 PM for Middle School, 7:00 - 8:00 PM for High School.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Author Talk | Monday, March 12 | 7:00 PM | Haverkamp Room | Dr. Jay Lombard, author of the WPC Congregation-Wide book read "The Mind of God", will speak to anyone who may have an interest in learning more about faith & science, whether you were a part of the book read or not.

Mental Health | Sunday, March 18 | 12:15PM in the Johnson Parlor there will be an open meeting for those interested in any area of mental health issues. All are welcome to participate. We support one another, plan programs in the mental health area, provide support for families, share and learn about new resources, and discuss the complications of mental health disorders. Email Amey Upton aupton@wpc-alex.org

Join the Westminster Softball Team! The team is open to men and women of all ages—no experience necessary! Games go from April through June; we'll play one game per week. Contact Steve Lastelic at softball@wpc-alex.org.

The Outsiders Group | Hiking at Roosevelt Island | Saturday, March 31

Meet in the Roosevelt Island parking lot at 10, hike until noon. Join us to walk the island and view the wildlife. Dress according to weather predictions and bring binoculars if interested. For more info or to RSVP, contact Kera Winburn at outsiders@wpc-alex.org.

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

Contact Nancy Hall Berens, Director.

Monthly Dine-Out (3rd Monday) | Monday, March 19 | Celebrate the Irish with us at *The Celtic House Irish Pub & Restaurant*, 2500 Columbia Pike, Arlington. Note that this is a change from our usual Dine-out week. Meet at church at 7PM to carpool or meet there at 7:15 PM.

Monthly Potluck | Tuesday, March 27 | 7:00 PM in the Johnson Parlor. Help us make sandwiches for the Bag Lunch program and then share potluck supper.

Book Group | Monday, April 30 | *The Year of Living Biblically* by A.J. Jacobs

A fun read about the author's attempt to live as closely to Biblical laws and customs as possible for one full year. Witness the author's spiritual journey as he seeks to understand the relevance of faith in our modern world. There are two copies in the church library to borrow.

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

Sign up with Nancy Hall Berens, Director or with the church office.

Roadsters' Dinner followed by Author Talk | Monday, March 12 at 6:00 PM We'll have dinner together in Fellowship Hall, then go up to the Haverkamp Room at 7:00 to hear Dr. Jay Lombard, author of *The Mind of God: Neuroscience, Faith, and a Search for the Soul*, speak to the congregation about his book featured in this year's Congregational Book Read. Cost for dinner \$10.

Tomb of Christ Exhibit at National Geographic Museum | Monday, April 16 Be virtually transported to Jerusalem and discover the fascinating history of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in an immersive experience with interactive 3-D glasses. *Not recommended for those with motion sickness or dizziness.* Meet in the church parking lot at 9:45 am. Lunch at the museum, home by 2:00 pm. Cost \$2 plus lunch.

WOMEN wpc-alex.org/presbyterian-women

Contact Nancy Hall Berens, Director or pw@wpc-alex.org

New Daytime Circle | Monday, March 12: | 9:00 AM in Johnson Parlor

Geared toward women in the 20's – 50's, with or without children. Join us for Bible study, fellowship, and mission outreach. Come help us pick a name for the new circle. Which woman of the Bible should it be?

Circles | All women are invited to monthly Bible study.

Elizabeth Circle | Tues. March 13 | 10 AM | Johnson Parlor

Hannah Circle | Tues. March 20 | 7:30 PM | Johnson Parlor

Rachel Circle | Tues. March 13 | 7 PM | Johnson Parlor

Ruth Circle | Wed. March 14 | 10 AM | Johnson Parlor

Sarah Circle | Tues. March 13 | 7:30 PM | Haverkamp Room

Women's Retreat | March 16-18

"Enjoying the Journey", led by the Rev. Lucy Dergarabedian. Registration has closed but contact Nancy Hall Berens to see if space is available.

Women's Book Group | Monday, March 26 | 11:00 AM or 7:30 PM in Johnson Parlor. Women are invited to discuss *The Last Painting of Sara de Vos* by Dominic Smith. Contact Clara Beth Van de Water or Nancy Hall Berens.