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From the Pastor's Study A Message From Rev. Dr. Larry Hayward **The Fireplace**

From 1999 until 2013, I lived in high rises. While they were convenient and efficient, what I most missed was a fireplace. In fact, with the warm weather this fall, and the four to five years worth of wood stacked on our patio from an oak tree we had to have removed in January, I have been awaiting weather cool enough to build a fire in the fireplace without raising the neighbors' eyebrows. Then a week ago, the weather cooled, so as of this writing I have had three fires this year. Off to a good start.

Fireplaces sometimes present a challenge if the wood is green (mine is) or the draw is weak (mine is not), but they do offer recycling of timber and kindling and newspaper, and if you huddle in front of a fireplace you might be able to turn the thermostat down a degree or so. But for the most part what fires offer me is timelessness and rest, an escape from all else that is going on in life, an opportunity to be mesmerized by heat and light. What fires offer, in other words, is sanctuary.

Especially on Sunday night after preaching and teaching, I will light a fire in the fireplace, make sure it is going, lie down flat on my back in front of it, and fall into a deep, early evening sleep. It is wonderful. I am about as peaceful as I ever am.

I once had a friend who, at a Friday evening dinner party, fell asleep standing in front of the fireplace. Yes, standing. And even though he showed signs of tottering, he did not fall, though several of us interceded and moved him to an easy chair.

In Genesis, the narrator tells us: "So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation." Undoubtedly, God built a fire, settled down in front of a fireplace.

Larry

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Tuesday, November 21 at 7:30 PM in the Westminster Sanctuary

We join with Trinity United Methodist Church, Agudas Achim Congregation, and the Church of St. Clement for a festive community service, featuring special music and the Rev. Robin Razzino from St. Clement, preaching.



We welcome to the Westminster Nursery **Brecken Poe**, son of Tory & Aaron Poe.

Please remember in prayer the family and friends of **Robert Lee Smith**, who died October 17.

Your Foundation Dollars at Work

The Westminster Foundation Board recently approved use of Foundation funds as follows:

- From the Dorothy Neyman Music Fund for musicians for the performance of Bach's cantata "Ein Feste Burg" during the October 29, 2017, worship service
 - From the Technology Reserve Fund, for a new computer and software for the Director of Music Ministries' office
 - From gifts in memory of Paul Edgell and Mary Hupper, for adult education
 - From gifts in memory of Jeanne Heinlein, for worship accessories
 - From gifts in memory of Keith Meade, for the Pastors' Discretionary Fund
- These and other designated funds in the Westminster Foundation support all Church program and mission areas, making a big difference every day in the Church's life and mission.

Special Worship Services for Advent & Christmas

Sunday, December 10: Advent Lessons and Carols

8:30 AM Worship in the Chapel & 11 AM Worship in the Sanctuary

At both services, we will tell again the story of the prophets of Israel and how they foretold that God would visit and redeem the waiting people. At 11 AM, brass and string quartets join our choirs of adults, youth, children and bells.

Thursday, December 21: Longest Night Service

6:30 PM Worship in the Chapel

For many, the Christmas season is a particularly difficult one. On this shortest of days, we will worship and reflect on what it means to dwell in the darkness of night. Together we will lift up our whole selves to the Lord, asking that God's light would shine in our darkest places.

Sunday, December 24: Festival Sunday with the Commonwealth Brass

8:30 AM & 11 AM Worship in the Sanctuary

The Commonwealth Brass join us for this annual Advent celebration service.

Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

5 PM Worship in the Sanctuary

8 PM Worship in the Sanctuary (7:45 PM Prelude)

11 PM Worship in the Chapel

At each of our services, hear the story of Christmas and sing familiar Christmas hymns, accompanied by organ, including "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World." Children are welcome at all our services; the 5 PM service is our "family-friendliest" service.

Sunday, December 31

11 AM Worship in the Sanctuary (*one service only*)

Holiday Office Hours

Monday, December 25 & Tuesday, December 26: Closed

Wednesday, December 27 – Friday, December 29: 9 AM – 3 PM

Monday, January 1: Closed

Tuesday, January 2: Normal office hours resume

Christmas Flowers and Mission Giving

Honor or memorialize loved ones with a dedication in the Christmas bulletins. In addition to providing flowers in the Sanctuary, donations will support our International Mission project at the United Orphanage & Academy in Moi's Bridge, Kenya. Please mark your payment for "Christmas Flowers." No minimum/maximum donation required. Contact Jessica Thurnes by Monday, December 11.

Christmas Joy Offering

This PC(USA) Offering is shared by the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, which provides critical assistance to Presbyterian church workers and their families; and Presbyterian-affiliated racial ethnic schools and colleges, which enable students to develop their gifts and find their calling. Remember our support to these two vital services as we seek to honor every child of God this Christmas season. Envelopes in the pews.

Annual Boxwood Workshop

Tuesday, November 28 & Wednesday, November 29
9:30 AM or 7:30 PM in Fellowship Hall

Come either day to make boxwood wreaths, centerpieces, tabletop trees, candlestick arrangements, kissing balls, and more. Cost of making items from \$14 to \$30. Extra materials, bows made to order, pre-made balsam wreaths available. Email Madeline Ramsey at crafts@wpc-alex.org for more information or to reserve a place by Wednesday, November 22.

Alternative Giving Bazaar

Sundays, December 3 & December 10
Fellowship Hall following both services

The Alternative Giving Bazaar provides a great opportunity to honor friends and family by giving gifts in their names to any of almost two dozen organizations supported by the Local, National and International Mission Committees at Westminster. These gifts will reach deserving people in our community, nation and around the world. As examples, your gifts to local organizations can help support local families through ALIVE, feed a Meals on Wheels client, allow Just Neighbors to assist refugees, or purchase provisions for Carpenter's Shelter residents. Nationally and internationally, gifts can support our friends at the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation in North Dakota, or support the United Orphanage & Academy in Moi's Bridge, Kenya. A catalog listing all participating organizations and describing how your contributions will help will soon be available online and in print in the education wing lobby.

Centering Prayer in Advent

Mondays, December 4, 11, & 18
4-5 PM in Westminster Room

All Westminster members and guests are welcomed on Mondays during Advent to reflect on selected Bible passages and writings and to spend time in silence listening for God's spirit and love. We'll be led by Amey Upton. Hope to see you there!

Christmas Pageant & All-Church Dinner

Sunday, December 10 | 5 PM in the Sanctuary

Come see our children tell the Christmas story, then enjoy a pasta dinner together! Dinner is \$5/person for all age 5 and above, and free for children age 4 and under.



**Westminster
Roadsters
(Boomers and Beyond)**

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Contact Patty to register for the
below events:*



Matt Viser, Deputy Washington Bureau Chief for the Boston Globe, Dan Judy, Vice President of North Star Opinion Research and John McArdle, Producer and Host of the Washington Journal on C-SPAN did a panel presentation to the Roadsters for the October Lunch and Learn on "One Year Later, Where Are We Now." They presented a lively and fascinating discussion!

November 30 - Little Theatre of Alexandria's A Christmas Carol

LTA rings in the holiday season with a return of the classic by Charles Dickens. Ebenezer Scrooge, a miserable Victorian humbug, travels with ghostly guides through Christmas past, present, and future to find the true meaning of the holidays. Complete with special effects, Victorian carols and Tiny Tim. Show starts at 8 PM; arrive between 7:30-7:45 to receive your ticket.

December

Roadsters will take a break for the holidays.

Westminster Weekday Preschool 2018-2019 Registration

In-house registration for the fall of 2018 will begin on January 10, 2018, and will end on January 19 at noon. In-house registration includes former or current preschool families and Westminster church members. (To be considered under the definition of church member, at least one parent must have joined the church by December 31, 2017.) Classes will be available for children who have reached the ages of 2½*, 3, or 4 as of September 30, 2018.

(*Applications will be accepted for in-house families whose children turn 2½ by December 31, 2018.) Westminster church members, or former preschool families interested in enrolling their children, may pick up an application in the preschool office beginning January 10. In-house applications are due by noon on Friday, January 19. If necessary, a lottery will be held at noon on January 19 for open spaces.

Open Houses will be held on January 10 & 11 from 9:30-11:30 AM. Reservations are not necessary and you are welcome to drop in any time within the two-hour time frame. The director and Board members will be available to answer questions as you tour the preschool and observe classrooms over our classroom dutch doors. There is a gathering area in the nursery where you can meet Board members and other prospective preschool families. Children are welcome, but must be accompanied by parents at all times. (Babysitting is not available.) If you have any questions, please call Carolyn Burke, Director, at 703-549-5267.



Children and Families

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Family Advent Wreath-Making Workshop

Wednesday, November 29 | 5:45 – 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

All families are invited make an advent wreath! RSVPs are helpful in determining supplies; email pchamberlain@wpc-alex.org. A \$5 per family contribution is helpful. (If you have your wreath and candle holders from last year, we'd love for you to use it again.)



Annual Christmas Pageant

All K-5th graders are invited to participate in the pageant! If you can't be at the rehearsals, please just let us know, your child is still welcome to be a part of the pageant.

Rehearsal | Sunday, December 3 | 9:45-10:45 AM (during Creation Station)

Rehearsal, Pageant & All-Church Dinner | Sunday, December 10

Rehearsal, 9:45 – 10:45 AM and then a dress rehearsal at 4:00 PM |

Performance, 5:00 PM

All families are invited to see the show!

Family Retreat

May 12-13, 2018

Mark your calendar for our spring Family Retreat at the Bishop Claggett Center. More details to follow in upcoming Chronicles.

M&M Week

June 25-29, 2018

M&M Week is our summer musical day camp experience for children who are currently enrolled in kindergarten through fifth grade. Mark your calendars for this fun filled and educational week about "The Lost Boy." More details to follow in upcoming Chronicles.



Flying Solo Singles Ministry (50's and above)

wpc-alex.org/flying-solo
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Sunday, November 19 – “Munch and More”

12:15 PM in Haverkamp Room

Join Flying Solo friends (and a special guest!) after church to enjoy lunch and conversation together. Lunch provided – no RSVP.

Thursday, November 23 – Thanksgiving Day Dinner at the home of Judy Curtis

We will gather at the home of Judy Curtis at 2 PM; Dinner will be at 4. Do you like to cook? Coordinate with Judy to bring a dish. Wine also appreciated. Come enjoy food, fellowship, and football! RSVP to Nancy Hall Berens or Judy Curtis.

Tuesday, November 28 – Monthly Potluck

7 PM in Johnson Parlor

We will make sandwiches for Bag Lunch and also decorate the Chrismon Tree for Advent and Christmas. When our service projects are done, we'll share potluck dinner together.

Wednesday, December 6 – Shopping for Holiday Sharing Program

Meet at 10:00 AM in front of Target at Potomac Yard to go Christmas shopping for the family we are sponsoring for Christmas this year. If you are unable to shop with the group, you may make a donation to the effort via Nancy Harper who is coordinating the project again this year.

Saturday, December 9 – Annual Christmas Party!

Patsy Riley has once again offered to host our Flying Solo Christmas Party this year. We will start with appetizers and gift-wrapping for our sponsored family, then we'll share a potluck-style holiday dinner together. 5–8 PM. Watch for more details in the Sunday Update and by email.

Monday, December 11 – Monthly Dine-Out

We will enjoy some fine Chinese cuisine at PING by Charlie Chiang's (4060 Campbell Ave, Shirlington) along with the festive holiday lights in Shirlington Village. Carpool from church at 7 PM or meet at the restaurant at 7:15.

Sunday, December 24 – Festival Sunday and Christmas Eve

Flying Solo is hosting Coffee Hour after the 11:00 AM worship service. Please let Nancy Hall Berens know if you can help set up, serve, clean up or bring food.

Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day Dinner

Nancy Harper has invited anyone who is available to come to her home for a holiday dinner on Christmas Day. Watch for more details to come!

Tuesday, December 26 – No potluck in December this year.

Monday, January 29 – Book Group

We will discuss “*The Red Tent*” by Anita Diamant. Dinah, daughter of Old Testament patriarch Jacob, narrates this novel which depicts what life must have been like for women during biblical times. 7 PM at the home of Cindy Smith.

Stock Donations and End of Year Giving

If you are using a stock transaction to make a donation, remember that stock transactions may take a week or more to process. It would be most helpful for donors to initiate these transactions not later than December 10 to help insure timely completion of each transaction. Please notify Business Administrator Nancy Bea when you are initiating a stock transaction including the amount and type of stock being

transferred. We want to be sure we are able to credit the gift correctly. Stock must be transferred before December 31 for it to be credited to you in 2017. Also checks to the church must be postmarked or received before the end of the year to be considered tax deductions for the year 2017 or be credited to you for 2017. The check date is irrelevant if the check is not received or postmarked by December 31.

Book Group

Book Groups meet to discuss interesting and thought-provoking book selections each month. The November selection is *The All of It*, a lovely novella by Jeannette Haien. It is a quiet tale of a stunning confession to an Irish priest and his response, a story of love and morality. Clara Beth Van de Water will lead discussions on Monday, November 27 at 11 AM and 7:30 PM in the Johnson Parlor. The book groups will take a break in December; the January selection is *Tell the Wolves I'm Home* by Carol Rifka Brunt, a coming of age novel where unusual friendship leads to love, grief, compassion, and renewal.

Pillow Ministry

Pillow Ministry meets monthly on first Wednesdays at 9:30 AM in Haverkamp Room to make pillows and stuffed animals for heart patients and children at Alexandria Hospital.

Shanghai Card Group

Shanghai Card Group gathers once a month on third Mondays at 7:30 PM in Haverkamp Room for some friendly competition and fellowship.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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Women's Circles

It's never too late to join a Circle Bible Study! Our study this year, "Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews," is about the importance of community, in the Bible and in our own lives. Check our page on the church website for meeting times and descriptions of each circle, plus other activities for women at Westminster.

Advent Gathering

Wednesday, December 6 at 7:30 PM

"O Come, Emmanuel - Advent with our Glory to God Hymnal"

Molly Roden and Interim Director of Music Ben Hutchens will lead us in learning more about this new hymnal for our denomination. We'll enjoy singing familiar hymns of the season, and explore some "new songs to the Lord" included in this wonderful worship resource.

PW Prayer Breakfast w/the National Capital Presbytery

"Communicating Through God's Love"

Saturday, January 27 in Fairfax

Save the date! More info coming soon.



Women's Retreat

March 16-18, 2018

Women's Retreat at Hallowood Retreat Center led by the Rev Lucy Dergarabedian on the topic "Enjoying the Journey." This year's retreat will focus on the power of resurrection through the challenges we face in our daily lives. Originally from Beirut, Lebanon, where she was a student of Ben and Carol Weir, Lucy is an ordained Presbyterian minister. She served in the U.S. Army as a chaplain, worked with the Wounded Warrior Project at Ft. Belvoir, and is now enjoying a new challenge of learning sign language!

Men of Westminster

www.wpc-alex.org/menofw

Men's Breakfast



Friday, December 1, 7-8:30 AM in Fellowship Hall

*Westminster Planned Giving –
Preparing for the Future with Spencer Dickerson*

RSVP to Dudley Schadeberg at
mow@wpc-alex.org

Have you ever wondered what the Westminster Foundation is and what it does? Come and hear our own Spencer Dickerson give us a comprehensive overview of the Foundation, how it is managed, and what it does for the Westminster congregation. You will find out what a legacy gift is and the kinds of programs and activities at Westminster that are currently supported by Foundation assets.

Spencer Dickerson is the Senior Executive Vice President for Global Operations for the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE). Spencer has had significant experience in working with Members of Congress, congressional staff, and officials at the Department of Transportation, the Federal Aviation Administration, the National Transportation Safety Board, the Department of Commerce, the State Department, and the U.S. Trade and Development Agency on various airport and aviation issues for the AAAE. He has broad experience in successful coalition building within the Washington aviation community, and was part of the AAAE team that developed the Transportation Security Clearinghouse after the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Spencer was born in Houston, Texas, and grew up in St. Louis, Missouri. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and History from Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from George Washington University. While a Boy Scout as a youth, he attained the highest award in Scouting, the Eagle Scout Award. As an adult, he continued to be active in the Boy Scouts, having been a Committee Member of the Annual Boy Scouts of America "Patriot Award Luncheon from 1992 to 2005.

Spencer is an Elder and is Vice Chair of the Westminster Foundation Board. He and his wife Carol are longtime active members of Westminster. They reside in Alexandria.

2018 Men's Retreat

February 2-4 at Hallowood Retreat and Conference Center

Reformational Reckoning with the End
Jon D. Wood, George Washington University



Christians assert that Jesus reveals the sense of all creation. He is the decisive point – the beginning, and crucially, the end. Protestantism became a movement only because Reformers set an urgent agenda to extol Jesus' decisiveness from amidst the heaps of trailing phrases and outrageous failings. Does any of this sound relevant five hundred years later? Jon will explore with us some of the ways in which the Reformed tradition provides a rich legacy of engaging the world with an urgent conviction that Jesus alone is the point, the period, the exclamation of a redemptive story.

We are fortunate to have Jon D. Wood as our leader. He has served with the Reformed Institute of Metropolitan Washington since 2013 as a member of the Company of Teachers, lecturing and leading seminars on religious topics. He received his Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, and also holds a Ph.D. in Church History from Princeton. He is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Religion at George Washington University, where he teaches the history of Christianity and world religions.

The retreat will again take place at the popular Hallowood Retreat and Conference Center, located at the base of Sugarloaf Mountain near Comus, Maryland. Registration has begun. Forms are available at the MOW Retreat table in Fellowship Hall, at the church office, and online.

Adult Faith Formation

www.wpc-alex.org/adult

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Centering Prayer will again be offered during Advent on Monday afternoons from 4-5 PM in the Westminster Room. Discover the peace that comes in a small community. Reflect on a reading and sit in the silence, together. Despite the negativity and angst felt all around us, despite the contradictions and loss of hope, come practice prayer with an intention to love deeper. It might allow you to be just a bit more compassionate and loving as you go out and serve as a person of God.

Towards Fuller Faith and Service

Sunday mornings | 9:45–10:45 AM in Haverkamp Room



In our baptismal covenant, we promise to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to love our neighbors as ourselves. This year, our Adult Education theme calls us to praise God more fully and to serve neighbor more vibrantly. Each of our classes and programs is geared towards helping us to recognize new possibilities and new responses; to challenge us to explore the meaning of faith for our lives. Classes on Sunday morning have had terrific attendance. Come sit in on a class, particularly if you've not been before. Bring ideas and suggestions for future classes.



Also in December, well-beloved Dr. Tony Tambasco returns. A former Georgetown professor and a long time teacher in theology, he'll teach

"Living in the Priesthood of All Believers: Eager Expectations in Faith & Service" to round out the service piece of our year-long theme.



This month, a particular shout out to Anne Ledyard & Judy Curtis for co-chairing the Third Annual "Dessert & Dialogue" with Hon. John Lewis & Hon. Fred Upton. Much gratitude for our many volunteers from the Adult Education Committee, and the congregation, who helped greet, bake, set up and make the event a big success. "It was so nice hearing about bi-partisan efforts afloat on Capitol Hill," said one attendee. Another commented, "Their talk gave me hope, in the midst of so much political negativity; hope that things are getting accomplished even though not always in the limelight."

We currently have two series going on, one with Dr. Bruce Douglass, Director of the Reformed Institute, who is guiding us through some of the "Reformation Era Best Sellers:" Martin Luther, Thomas Muntzer, John Calvin and the Geneva Bible. We are also learning from life-long Presbyterian and WPC member Betsy Preston, who is teaching "Presbyterian CI: Church Investigation! (Presbyterian 101)" during the month of November.



The last Sunday morning class of 2017 is with Cynthia Farrel-Johnson, an artist and an elder at Georgetown Presbyterian. She's a vibrant, exciting artist who will talk about how her faith

formation and her art has impacted her journey towards her own fuller faith and service. You won't want to miss her colorful, moving artwork which will celebrate the creativity of the Christmas season.



Music at Westminster

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Music Opportunities for Children and Youth

Our choirs for children and youth are growing...come join in the fun! The **Genesis Choir** and **Covenant Choir** are busy working on songs for services in December. These choirs are for children in grades K-5 and rehearse on Wednesday afternoons – pizza included. New singers are always welcome! The **Youth Ensemble** joined with the Adult choir and orchestra on October 29. On that day, the combined choirs and orchestra celebrated the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with Johann Sebastian Bach's Cantata "Ein Feste Burg." What a fantastic first "singing with the orchestra" experience for these young singers! I hope you will congratulate them on their hard work and beautiful music.

All of our choirs - children, youth, adults, and handbells - will join with strings, brass, and percussion as we offer *Advent Lessons and Carols* on Sunday, December 10 at the 11 AM service. Be sure to mark your calendars and invite family and friends.

Music Opportunities for Adults

The **Westminster Ringers** will offer music at our Community Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, November 21 and throughout Advent and Christmastide. In addition to playing for services at Westminster, this ensemble will perform a concert at Goodwin House on Saturday, December 16 at 7:30 PM. It is free and open to the public!

The **Celtic Cross Ringers** is ready to return to rehearsing and performing! We will have our first rehearsal on Wednesday, November 29 at 6:30 PM. If you would like to give ringing a try, please be in touch with Interim Director of Music Ministries, Ben Hutchens. Previous experience is not required and ringing is a great way to get to know new folks who share a love of music.

The **Westminster Choir** continues to grow and has enjoyed offering music at our Sunday morning service each week. We offer a wide variety of musical styles and languages to help us remember the diversity of God's creation and that of the peoples on the earth. New singers are always welcome. Previous experience is helpful and voice lessons are available to any who ask. Rehearsals are Thursdays, 7:30-9 PM. I hope you will consider adding your voice to choir during the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

For more details about any of our music ministries, please reach out to Ben Hutchens.

Youth & Young Adults

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The Westminster **Young Adults** will be doing an Advent Bible Study in December on Wednesday nights called *The Redemption of Scrooge*, based on Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Three young adults have graciously opened up their homes to host these potluck Bible Study events. The Young Adults will also be going to see a performance of *A Christmas Carol* at the Little Theatre of Alexandria. At our last Faith on Tap, there were also conversations about going into D.C. to attend Handel's *Messiah*.



The **youth ministry** at Westminster continues with exciting programming into the final months of 2017. We've begun monthly class dinners. 8th graders will meet November 19 for their annual class dinner at 6 PM.

That same night our high school youth will be participating in an Escape Room in Old Town.

Save the Date for the following Youth Events:

December 10 - Deadline to Register for the Massanetta Middle School Conference

December 15 - HS Lock-In with midnight showing of *The Last Jedi*

December 17 - Youth Alumni Lunch at Guapo's in Shirlington



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Appalachia Service Project Trip participants help build HOPE.
 A spirited ten-member crew from WPC traveled to West Virginia last month to help build homes for those displaced by devastating floods. It was another shining example of faith finding expression and life in mission, as we deepened in relationship to one another, worked hard for others, and grew towards fuller faith and service. We hope you will consider participating next year.