

The Lord's Service

The Baptism of the Lord

JANUARY 10, 2021



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

Prelude in C Major
What Is This Lovely Fragrance?

J. S. BACH
ARR. LANI SMITH

Please use the prelude as a time of silent preparation for the worship of the Triune God.

GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 29:2-4

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name,
worship the Lord in holy splendor.
The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders over mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful,
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue the wayward; by the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy!

100 (vv. 1,2)

CONFESSION OF SINS

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from our sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive ways, hold grudges, and fail to welcome and love one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your lovingkindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism, so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. For the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.



STANDING IF COMFORTABLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: spoken, sung

THE KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON



GLORIA PATRI

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

INTERLUDE

A Tender Rose Has Blossomed

16TH CENTURY MELODY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

GENESIS 1:1-5

NEW TESTAMENT READING

ACTS 10:34-43



GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 3:1-17



RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord

Praise be to God.

SERMON

Eschatological Gospel

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF JIM RUTIGLIANO AS DEACON (9:00 Service)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING *(not collected, brought up by deacons)*

⌘ DOXOLOGY

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

⌘ SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

⌘ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING



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.



HYMN OF DEPARTURE

The King of Glory Comes

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

Marche Religioso

GOUNOD

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Ron Bonagura (9:00AM)
Robert David (11:00AM)

ORGANIST: Elaine H Simpson

TRUMPETER: Nathaniel Phillips

Eschatological Gospel

MATTHEW 3:1-17

The baptism of Jesus is recorded in all _____ g_____.
It is Jesus' o_____ to public ministry.

1. The Sermon (vv. 1-12)

John's opening salvo is a word about the _____.
Heaven speaks of both a r_____ and a q_____ of life.
This kingdom cannot be i_____ with earthly kingdoms.
In short, the es_____ has arrived.
John comes "before the _____ & dr_____ day of the Lord."
A word from the f_____: flee the coming _____.
In Jesus, the end _____ into the present.
It's either P_____ fire or the fire of j_____.
Jesus brings the f_____ j_____ of the last _____ forward.
There is no _____ of the _____ which is not eschatological.

2. The Baptism (vv. 13-17)

The j_____ appears as _____ of us.
Jesus submits to John to f_____ all r_____.
He is baptized into our s_____ and n_d.
His whole life, his a_____ ob_____, is vi_____.
The baptism in _____ is locked into the baptism in _____.
The Judge takes the c_____ _____ upon his own head.
Jesus is the _____ Adam, the es_____ os Adam.
Goal of eschatological gospel: communion w/ the T_____ God.

Missions Work Highlight

TONI URUMOV

PASTOR/TEACHER IN SERBIA

The spiritual situation in Serbia is desperate. There are 0.01% Christians in the country. Serbia also has the least number of missionaries in all of Europe. It is challenging, but a huge privilege to be a useful tool in God's hands in Serbia. I have been serving as Pastor since September 2017. By God's grace the congregants are growing spiritually as well as in numbers. The Word is being preached regularly, and God is faithfully building His church. We are evangelizing in town through preaching and distribution of Gospel tracts.

Thank you all for your prayers.

Announcements

Today it is our joy to ordain and install **Jim Rutigliano as a deacon** in Westminster Church.

Help Needed: Kids, please remember to clean up after yourselves at church. Parents, please remember to clean up after your kids, especially food, clothes and games in the youth room.

The Fellowship Committee is requesting donations of boxed or wrapped cookies, crackers, cheeses, biscotti, muffins, granola bars, etc. for the Fellowship Coffee Times following each service. Nothing homemade at this time. Donations can be left in the kitchen.

Scripture Texts

GENESIS 1:1-5

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

⁵ God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

ACTS 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

³⁹ “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Scripture Texts, *continued*

MATTHEW 3:1-17

¹In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea

²and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

³This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”

⁴John’s clothes were made of camel’s hair, and he had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey.

⁵People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan.

⁶Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?”

⁸Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

⁹And do not think you can say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

¹⁰The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.

¹⁴But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

¹⁵Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." Rev. 4:8

♩ D Bm A D G D 7

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

A D Bm A E7 A

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

D Bm A D G D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

♩ Bm D G D G A7 D 7

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

The King of Glory Comes

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Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Ps. 24:7

Em Unison B⁷ Em

(Ref.) The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.

B⁷ Em Fine ⁷

O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.

G C Bm G

1. Who is the King of glo - ry? What shall we call him?
 2. In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
 3. He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion.
 4. He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en.

Em Cmaj⁷ D⁷ G D.C.

He is Im - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.
 he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.
 He took up - on him - self the sin of the na - tions.
 And he will share with us his heav - en - ly king - dom.

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

Westminster Church is both a place and a people. We gather in this sacred space to worship, to learn, and to serve God as he meets us in Christ. To this end we dedicate our time, our talent, and our resources. Here the Gospel of Christ is freely proclaimed: *We are weaker and more sinful than we ever dared admit, but through Christ we are more loved and accepted than we ever dared hope.* As a community of Christians, we are building a bridge to the future through faith and friendship. To this end, we pray God will give us strength, vision, and wisdom. We are thankful that you could join with us today. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Welcome to Westminster!

Westminster Stated Services

Worship	9:00 AM, 11:00AM
Sunday School (<i>Sept–June</i>)	11:45 AM
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 PM

Westminster Kingston

Sunday School	10:00 AM
Worship	11:00 AM

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Cover

The Celtic cross reminds us, as Presbyterians, of our historical roots in the British Isles dating back at least to the fifth century. *Post Tenebras Lux* is a Latin slogan from the 16th-century Protestant Reformation meaning *After Darkness, Light*. The cross and the slogan combine to express our desire to be rooted in the ancient faith and to embrace the attainments of the Protestant Reformation.

Westminster was organized in 1854 and is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

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