

The Lord's Service

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JANUARY 31, 2021



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Liturgy
Faith*

M. BROSIG
GORDON YOUNG

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 37:10-11

In a little while the wicked shall be no more;
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
**But the meek shall possess the land;
they will delight in abundance of peace.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our strength, the One who judges justly,
give us the humility to trust in your loving care,
and the patience to be faithful in seeking your kingdom,
that we may come to share in the inheritance of your saints;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

499 (vv. 1-3)

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

Adagio For Strings

SAMUEL BARBER, OP. 11

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

PSALM 37:1-20

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 PETER 1:3-9



GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 5:1-12



RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON

Blessed Are The Meek

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.

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 *Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Holy Way* 532 (vv. 1-3)



CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE *Westminster Reprise* ARR. N. FICK
ADAPTED FROM CAMILLE SAINT-SAENS ORGAN SYMPHONY NO. 3

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Steve Flewelling (9:00AM)
Bob Maucher (11:00AM)

ORGANIST: Neil Fick

Blessed Are the Meek

MATTHEW 5:5

1. Meekness

Internal: before ____; External: before ____.

The virtues of the beatitudes cannot be f_____.

Without v_____ we will not have spiritual t_____.

Wycliff translation: Blessed are _____ men.

The basic meaning is g_____ or h_____.

The meek are, in their own minds, _____ before God.

NEB translation: Blessed are the _____ in spirit.

For the meek, their in _____ has been tamed.

Like Jesus, they are s _____ under pr _____.

They imitate his non-r _____, non-v _____

ethic. M _____ is not w _____.

Some examples of meekness: J _____, M _____, and D _____.

Meekness is directly related to _____ in the kingdom.

Jesus is citing Psalm ____.

2. The Inheritance

The pretensions of rulers are addressed in Psalm ____.

In Christ, the _____ One, the meek shall inherit the earth.

The gift of the Spirit is the f _____ of our inheritance.

Paul: having _____, yet p _____ all things.

Inherit is an e _____ word. We inherit at the ____.

The land: a type of the new _____ and the new _____.

The church inherits t _____, co _____ at the end.

Our eschatological hope is the m _____ of m _____.

Self-r _____ is the way to world d _____.

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

After today, **Pastor Chiarot will be on Study Leave until Feb. 16.** If you have any concerns during his absence please contact your shepherding elder or the church office.

Scripture Texts

PSALM 37:1-20

- ¹ Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong;
- ² for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.
- ³ Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.
- ⁴ Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this:
- ⁶ He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.
- ⁷ Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.
- ⁸ Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.
- ⁹ For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the Lord will inherit the land.
- ¹⁰ A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found.
- ¹¹ But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.
- ¹² The wicked plot against the righteous and gnash their teeth at them;
- ¹³ but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he knows their day is coming.
- ¹⁴ The wicked draw the sword and bend the bow to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose ways are upright.
- ¹⁵ But their swords will pierce their own hearts, and their bows will be broken.
- ¹⁶ Better the little that the righteous have than the wealth of many wicked;
- ¹⁷ for the power of the wicked will be broken, but the Lord upholds the righteous.
- ¹⁸ The blameless spend their days under the Lord's care, and their inheritance will endure forever.
- ¹⁹ In times of disaster they will not wither; in days of famine they will enjoy plenty.
- ²⁰ But the wicked will perish: Though the Lord's enemies are like the flowers of the field, they will be consumed, they will go up in smoke.

Scripture Texts, *continued*

1 PETER 1:3-9

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

MATTHEW 5:1-12

¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,

² and he began to teach them. He said:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

That rock was Christ. 1 Cor. 10:4

♯ F A D A D A ♯ Bm⁷ A E⁷ A

1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fil thy law's de - mands;
 3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
 4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

E A E⁷ A E A E⁷ A

let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,

D A D A ♯ Bm⁷ A E⁷ A ♯

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Teach Me, O Lord, Thy Holy Way

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Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart.

Ps. 86:11

1. Teach me, O Lord, thy ho - ly way, and give me
 2. Guide me, O Sav - ior, with thy hand, and so con -
 3. Help me, O Sav - ior, here to trace the sa - cred
 4. Guard me, O Lord, that I may ne'er for - sake the
 5. Bless me in ev - 'ry task, O Lord, be - gun, con -

an o - be - dient mind; that in thy ser - vice
 trol my thoughts and deeds, that I may tread the
 • foot - steps thou hast trod; and, meek - ly walk - ing
 right, or do the wrong: a - gainst temp - ta - tion
 tin - ued, done for thee: ful - fil thy per - fect

I may find my soul's de - light from day to day.
 path which leads right on - ward to the bless - ed land.
 • with my God, to grow in good - ness, truth, and grace.
 make me strong, and round me spread thy shel - t'ring care.
 work in me; and thine a - bound - ing grace af - ford.

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

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

Westminster Kingston

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| 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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The Reverend Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

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