

The Lord's Service

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

MARCH 14, 2021



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Savior, Again to thy Dear Name
Contemplation*

HEALEY WILLAN
ETHEL B. CLARKE

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

1 JOHN 3:2-3

We are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared.

We know that when He appears we shall be like him,

for we shall see him as he is.

Everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse and renew us by the mighty power of your Holy Spirit, that with pure hearts we may worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy!

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. 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

Like a River Glorious

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

PSALM 24:1-10

NEW TESTAMENT READING

HEBREWS 12:12-17



GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 5:1-12



RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord

Praise be to God.

SERMON

Blessed Are The Pure in Heart

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 *Be Thou My Vision*

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE *Elevation*

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PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Ron Bonagura (9:00AM)
Bob Maucher (11:00AM)

ORGANIST: Elaine Simpson

Blessed are the Pure in Heart

MATTHEW 5:8

Calvin: Purity of heart is the _____ of all v_____.

1. Purity in Heart

“Heart” means the c_____ of the _____.

It is dec_____ and des_____ sick.

Two dimensions: one is i_____ p_____.

Jesus is alluding to Psalm ____.

God must _____ in us a _____ heart.

Second dimension: being s_____ -m_____.

Kierkegaard: Purity of heart is to _____ thing.

We are to be free from the ty_____ of the d_____ self.

James: p_____ your hearts, you d_____ -m_____.

This purity is akin to having a _____ eye.

Through the _____ we can have our hearts purified.

Psalm 86: _____ my heart to fear your name.

Vision is e_____ by purity.

2. Seeing God

We see God ____ by the eye of _____.

Like Moses, we endure by seeing him who is _____.

The pure _____ and seeing increases their _____.

In this age, we see, but we see t_____ a _____ _____.

In the _____, we see God as fully as creatures are capable.

Without _____ no one shall see the Lord.

Augustine: to behold God is the _____ of all our l_____ activity.

Only _____ sees Purity.

Missions Work Highlight

WITH MISSION TO THE WORLD IN LATIN AMERICA

PRAY for our Cuban brothers and sisters who are in crisis. Food, medicine, and basic needs shortage in Cuba continues to get worse.

Thank God for the financial help that we have been able to provide the pastors during this time. Through a diaconal fund project we have at MTW we were able to send relief three times last year.

Pray for the continuation of our training program and ministry in Cuba during this pandemic time. We have taught two WhatsApp courses that have been well received, yet due to their “survival mode” situation they are weary and are having a hard time concentrating on their reading. We are prepared to write a series of “how to” documents on everyday counseling issues that our students are facing.

PRAISE God for the technological developments that are making it possible for Richard and Robyn to minister in Cuba at a distance.

PRAISE God that the Gospel is being preached in Cuba and that His Kingdom is spreading!

Announcements

WPC's Lenten services will be held Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M.

Northern Frontier Camp is a Christ-centered summer camp for boys in New York's Adirondack Mountains. There are programs for boys ages 8 - 16 years, Father and Son trips, and one and two week fishing, kayaking and rock climbing trips for the older boys. View the video and read about the programs on www.northernfrontier.org.

Please contact **Steve Flewelling** at shflewelling@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Scripture Texts

PSALM 24:1-10

- ¹ The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;
- ² for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.
- ³ Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?
- ⁴ The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.
- ⁵ They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior.
- ⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.
- ⁷ Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- ⁸ Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.
- ⁹ Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.
- ¹⁰ Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty— he is the King of glory.

HEBREWS 12:12-17

- ¹² Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees.
- ¹³ "Make level paths for your feet," so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.
- ¹⁴ Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.
- ¹⁵ See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.
- ¹⁶ See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son.
- ¹⁷ Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done.

Scripture Texts, *continued*

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.

Holy, Holy, Holy!

D Bm A D G D

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!

5 A D Bm A E⁷

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

8 A D Bm A D G

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

12 D Bm D G D G A⁷ D

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

Be Thou My Vision

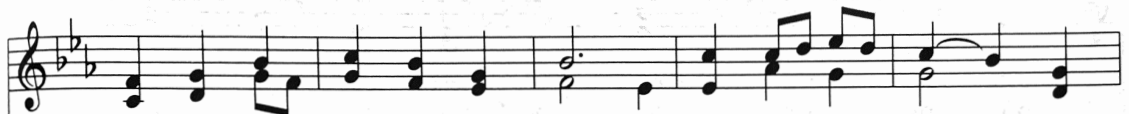
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Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. Phil. 3:7

Unison



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach



else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,
 • dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,
 her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,
 heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -



day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 • thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.



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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