

# The Lord's Service

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*The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

MARCH 27, 2022



**Westminster Presbyterian Church**

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*O, Lamm Gottes, Unschuldig  
O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*

J. S. BACH  
JOHANNES BRAHMS

*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

⊗ WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 28:

Q. Of what does Christ's exaltation consist?

**A. Christ's exaltation consists in His rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.**

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 90:1-2

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord, while our days vanish like shadows and our lives wear out like a garment, you are eternal. Although our earthly lives come to an end, help us to live in Christ's endless life and at length attain our home, the heavenly Jerusalem, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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CONFESSION OF SINS

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

THE KYRIE ELEISON

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

☒ THE PEACE

ADMINISTRATION OF MEMBERSHIP VOWS *The Stephen Elmendorf Family*

☒ GLORIA PATRI 735

*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 *O Lamb of God, Pure, Spotless* J.S. BACH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING PSALM 90 *p. 588*

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 PETER 3:1-10 *p. 1208*

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 102      *Great God, How Infinite Art Thou!*      27

⊗ GOSPEL READING      JOHN 8:48-59      p. 1063

⊗ RESPONSE  
The Word of the Lord  
Praise be to God.

SERMON      *Eternal God*

⊗ THE APOSTLES' CREED      845  
**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

OFFERTORY      *Come, Sweet Death*      J.S. BACH

⊗ DOXOLOGY      731

*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 Lord Has Heard and Answered Prayer*

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Recessional*

ROBERT J. HUGHES

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Steve Flewelling

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR: Elaine H. Simpson

## Eternal God

PSALM 90:1-6

For us creatures, time is a p\_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm \_\_\_ teaches that time is \_\_\_\_\_ a problem for \_\_\_\_\_.

### 1. Eternal God

God's eternity is another \_\_\_\_\_-attribute.

Any perfection is an imperfection if not \_\_\_\_\_ a perfection.

Time is a \_\_\_\_\_ and God is the C\_\_\_\_\_.

Temporality is ir\_\_\_\_\_ to God and his purposes.

God has d\_\_\_\_\_ but not s\_\_\_\_\_.

God lives in the \_\_\_\_\_.

God possesses his whole existence in one i\_\_\_\_\_ present.

The whole T\_\_\_\_\_ is e\_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. Eternal Redemption

Our \_\_\_\_\_ is eternal because \_\_\_\_\_ is eternal.

In his humanity, the Son is subject to the r\_\_\_\_\_ of time.

He is raised up in the time of the \_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_.

He secures eternal r\_\_\_\_\_.

We receive an eternal i\_\_\_\_\_.

The eternal God is our \_\_\_\_\_.

Underneath are the e\_\_\_\_\_ arms.

### 3. Eternal Perspective

Two texts: 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 4 and C\_\_\_\_\_ 3.

Look not at seen, t\_\_\_\_\_ things, but \_\_\_\_\_ eternal things.

At his right hand are pleasures \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Missions Work Highlight

JEREMIAH & JULIE DIEDRICH

*Northwestern Brazil*

Greetings from Jeremiah and Julie Diedrich, along with our children, Miriam, Nehemiah, Hadassa, and Simeon. We have been serving as a pilot/mechanic family in Brazil since 2006 and for the past four years, serving in northwestern Brazil, helping to start a helicopter program. Helicopters have a huge impact in the ministries in this region speeding the gospel to previously inaccessible locations.

Thank you so much for praying for us, and for bringing our ministry and needs before the Lord. Would you pray that the new helicopter arrives soon in Brazil, for our family to adjust to life in the States (Our kids consider Brazil home, and are very sad that we will not be returning permanently to Brazil) traveling mercies as we visit support partners during home assignment, and an increase in financial support due to the higher cost of living in the U.S.

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## Announcements

It is our joy to receive the Elmendorf family (Stephen, Mengli, Nathanael, and Esther) into membership at WPC.

Westminster is holding Lenten services on Wednesdays at 7:00PM.

There will be no Fellowship Luncheon in April on the second Sunday, but there will be an Easter Sunday brunch on April 17th following the worship service. If you would like to contribute to the brunch, there is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen.

Westminster is starting a Stephen Ministry. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jim Rutigliano at 917.470.5477, or [jim153r@gmail.com](mailto:jim153r@gmail.com).

Westminster is seeking to host a free healthcare clinic at the church under the auspices of Christ Health Care Ministries. Please see [christhealthcareministry.org](http://christhealthcareministry.org) for information about this work.

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## 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!

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### Westminster Stated Services

Worship	10:00AM
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).

### Senior Minister

The Reverend Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

### Session (Ruling Elders, with Class Year)

Ron Bonagura (2022), Steve Flewelling (2022),  
Bob Maucher (2023), Johnson Chang-Fong (2024),  
Adam Kuliszewski (2024)  
*Elder Emeritus:* Neil Fick

### Board of Deacons (with Class Year)

Joe Schlegel (2022), Tim Elmendorf (2022),  
Paul Mowat (Chair: 2023),  
Jim Rutigliano (2023), Joe Hall (2024)

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