

The Lord's Service

The Ascension of the Lord

MAY 29, 2022



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Wondrous King, All-Glorious
Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor*

HANS ARNOLD METZGER
CALFARIA/EDWIN T. CHILDS

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 36:

Q. What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

A. The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 47:5-8

God has ascended amid shouts of joy;
the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets!
God is the King of all the earth;
sing to him a song of praise!
God reigns over the nations!
The Lord is seated on his holy throne!

☒ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above the heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his church on earth, even to the end of the age; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

☒ HYMN OF PRAISE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule over our lives. We have followed the ways of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us of the guilt of our sin, and liberate us from its power, that we may be holy and faithful, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, the ascended ruler of all, and the great head and king of the church, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

☒ THE PEACE

☒ 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 *Thou Art Coming, O My Savior* (326)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, grant that, as your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also, by your Word and Spirit, set our minds on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON EPHESIANS 1:15-23 *p. 1159*

SECOND LESSON REVELATION 5:1-14 *p. 1221*

☒ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 24 *Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord* 292

☒ GOSPEL LESSON LUKE 24:44-53 *p. 1052*

☒ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON

What the Ascension Has Wrought

☒ THE APOSTLES' CREED

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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.

THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Ed Timberger, Bill Cooke, Robert David

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Incline Thine Ear

HIMMEL

☒ 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 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* 296

☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Processional March* RICHARD WAGNER

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot
WORSHIP LEADER: Adam Kuliszewski
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

What the Ascension Has Wrought

REVELATION 5:1-14

Heaven is the c_____ d_____ place of God.
 The r_____ of heaven is a great need.
 This is what the ascension has w_____.

1. The Lion and the Lamb (vv. 1-7)

The scroll is God's plan of j_____ & r_____.
 The _____ of the tribe of _____ has _____.
 John sees a sl_____ and st_____ Lamb.
 This is the an_____ of e_____ political power.
 He gives the Spirit, thus next week is P_____.
 Jesus, the slain Lamb, is e_____ as _____g.

2. The First Choir (vv. 8-10)

In this choir: the l_____ creatures & the 24 e_____.
 John is a full-blooded _____.
 He has r_____ people _____ every nation.
 This fulfills the A_____ promise.
 The visible church is the _____ of God.
 The Lamb is h_____ and k_____ over the church.

3. The Second Choir (vv. 11-12)

In this choir: an in_____ host of a_____.
 The Lamb is _____ because he was s_____.

4. The Third Choir (vv. 13-14)

In this choir: e_____ cr_____.
 The ascended One is worshipped as _____.
 The ascension enables us to w_____.

Missions Work Highlight

MYCHOICE PREGNANCY CENTER

New Windsor, NY

MyChoice provides free medical services and nonjudgmental support to women facing an unplanned pregnancy. We also provide education and referrals to help women meet medical, legal, financial and housing needs, as well as local transportation to one of our centers. We inform women of the facts and labor in prayer for them and the child in their womb.

The following case is a typical example of women who visit MyChoice: She came to the clinic to see how far along she was in her pregnancy. She has a seven year old child and the father of this pregnancy is encouraging her to have an abortion. She is also under financial strain because she no longer works as a full-time nurse. We pray for God to show her His plan for the life inside her.

We thank you for sharing in our mission to educate and support women. Your partnership over the years has engendered gratefulness. We are thankful to God for your prayers and support.

Announcements

It is our joy today to install Ed Timberger and Bill Cooke as deacons, and Robert David as ruling elder.

On 6/12/22 the Fellowship Committee will be hosting a Barbecue Luncheon following the Sunday School closing program. Fellowship is providing the hot dogs and hamburgers. The congregation is asked to bring side dishes, salads and desserts. This will be followed by a second service at 2:00PM.

We are in need of nursery workers for June, July, and August. Please sign up in the nursery.

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 | 10:00AM |
| 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).

Senior Minister

The Reverend Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

Session (Ruling Elders, with Class Year)

Bob Maucher (2023), Johnson Chang-Fong (2024),
Adam Kuliszewski (2024), Robert David (2025)

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Joe Hall (2024), Bill Cooke (2025),
Ed Timberger (2025)

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