

# The Lord's Service

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*The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

NOVEMBER 01, 2020



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Herzliebster Jesu  
Ab, Holy Jesus*

JOHANNES BRAHMS

CRUGER/ARR. M. McDONALD

*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

REVELATION 22:17

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!"

**Let the one who hears say, "Come!"**

Let all who are thirsty come!

**Let all who desire take the water of life without price!**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

*O Worship the King*

2 (vv. 1, 6)

CONFESSION OF SINS

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE KYRIE ELEISON

*Lord, have mercy upon us*

*Christ, have mercy upon us*

*Lord, have mercy upon us*



STANDING IF COMFORTABLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: spoken, sung

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊗ RESPONSIVE READING OF THE LAW

You shall have no other gods before me.  
**It is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.**

You shall not make for yourself a graven image.  
**God is a spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.**

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.  
**Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool... Let what you say be simply Yes or No; anything more than this comes from evil.**

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.  
**The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath; so the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath.**

Honor your father and your mother.  
**For God commanded, he who speaks evil of father or mother, let him surely die.**

You shall not kill.  
**Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.**

You shall not commit adultery.  
**Everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.**

You shall not steal.  
**For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery...theft...These are what defile a man.**

You shall not bear false witness.  
**For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.**

You shall not covet.  
**Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.**

⊗ 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

*Ab, Holy Jesus*

TRINITY HYMNAL 248, VS. 3

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

PSALM 84:1-12

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-10



GOSPEL READING

JOHN 13:36-14:1-7



RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord  
Praise be to God.

SERMON

*The Only Way to the Father*



THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.**

**And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

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

⌘ 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.**

THE COMMUNION

⌘ HYMN OF DEPARTURE *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!* 176 (vv. 1, 2)

⌘ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION  
Response: **Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pashchal victim, pashchal bread. Holy Father, praise to thee with the Spirit, ever be.**

⌘ POSTLUDE *Fugue in G minor* CHARPENTIER

PREACHER: Rev. Matt Mierski

WORSHIP LEADER: Steve Flewelling (9:00AM); Robert David (11:00AM)

ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

SOLOIST: James Phillips

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## Missions Work Highlight

### REDEEMER BROADCASTING

IN THE NEWBURG-BEACON AREA, HEARD ON 90.3FM AND 102.5FM.

Redeemer Broadcasting is an evangelically reformed radio ministry which began in the Hudson Valley in 2004 in a basement. We play calm Christian music and teaching that emphasizes the historic Christian faith. Westminster's full church service is heard each Sunday. Our board of directors and some of our advisors came from this church.

Digital listening options include computer streaming, internet radio, and smart phone apps. The Lord has blessed us with growth into a small network of stations covering the Mid-Hudson Valley, Northern New Jersey, and Southern Maryland. Listeners contact us daily with testimonials. During the pandemic, many have received encouragement and companionship during these unusual times of isolation. Dan and Deb Elmendorf would like to express their sincerest thanks for the sacrificial and generous role our Westminster church family has played in helping them carry on this kingdom work.

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## Announcements

**We are pleased to welcome Rev. Matt Mierski**, Assistant Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Schenectady, NY, to minister God's Word and Sacrament to us today.

**Waste baskets are positioned by the door** as you leave the Sanctuary to dispose of used Communion cups.

**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.

**Shoebboxes for Operation Christmas Child** are available in the Narthex and also in the entrance to the new building. There is also a bin in the Narthex if you would like to donate individual items. Shoebboxes are due back at church on Sunday, November 22. If you have any questions, contact Matthew or Shelley Harwood.

**Join in a global prayer movement** for persecuted Christians on the **International day of Prayer**, Sunday, November 1st. Watch the short film, Janette: Central African Republic at [www.persecution.com/idop](http://www.persecution.com/idop) and see how our brothers and sisters hold fast to their faith in Christ.

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## Scripture Texts

PSALM 84:1-12

- <sup>1</sup> How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!
- <sup>2</sup> My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
- <sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young— a place near your altar, Lord Almighty, my King and my God.
- <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.
- <sup>5</sup> Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.
- <sup>6</sup> As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.
- <sup>7</sup> They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.
- <sup>8</sup> Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty; listen to me, God of Jacob.
- <sup>9</sup> Look on our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one.
- <sup>10</sup> Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- <sup>11</sup> For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.
- <sup>12</sup> Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.



## Scripture Texts, *continued*

### 2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-10

- <sup>1</sup> For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.
- <sup>2</sup> Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling,
- <sup>3</sup> because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.
- <sup>4</sup> For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.
- <sup>5</sup> Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.
- <sup>6</sup> Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord.
- <sup>7</sup> For we live by faith, not by sight.
- <sup>8</sup> We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.
- <sup>9</sup> So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.
- <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

### JOHN 13:36-14:1-7

- <sup>13:36</sup> Simon Peter asked him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus replied, “Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.”
- <sup>37</sup> Peter asked, “Lord, why can’t I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you.”
- <sup>38</sup> Then Jesus answered, “Will you really lay down your life for me? Very truly I tell you, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!
- <sup>14:1</sup> “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.
- <sup>2</sup> My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?
- <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.
- <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going.”
- <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”
- <sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- <sup>7</sup> If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

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## O Worship the King

All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you. Ps. 145:10

1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly  
 2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the  
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your  
 4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the

sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the  
 light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep  
 pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a  
 air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -

An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
 thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
 change - less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
 your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
 our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!  
 While angels delight to hymn you above,  
 the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
 with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

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## Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!

*Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! Rev. 5:12*

1. Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i - le - an King!  
 2. Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on thee were laid;  
 3. Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for - ev - er to a - bide;  
 4. Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r and bless - ing thou art wor - thy to re - ceive;

Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; thou didst free sal - va - tion bring.  
 by al - might - y love a - noint - ed, thou hast full a - tone - ment made.  
 all the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore thee, seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side.  
 loud - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, meet it is for us to give.

Hail, thou ag - o - niz - ing Sav - ior, bear - er of our sin and shame!  
 All thy peo - ple are for - giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood;  
 There for sin - ners thou art plead - ing; there thou dost our place pre - pare;  
 Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its, bring your sweet - est, no - blest lays;

By thy mer - its we find fa - vor; life is giv - en through thy name.  
 o - pened is the gate of heav - en; peace is made 'twixt man and God.  
 ev - er for us in - ter - ced - ing till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
 help to sing our Sav - ior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

## 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	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).

### Senior Minister

The Reverend Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

### Assistant Minister

The Reverend Mark D. Diedrich

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

Robert Van Gent (2022), Ron Bonagura (2022), Robert David (2021), Steve Flewelling (2021), James Phillips (2021), Bob Maucher (2023), Elder Emeritus: Neil Fick

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