

The Lord's Service

The Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOVEMBER 07, 2021



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

How Great Thou Art

STUART K. HINE

PIANO/ORGAN DUET ARR. BOB RALSTON

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 8:

Q. How doth God execute his decrees?

A. God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

HEBREWS 4:14-15

We have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven.

Let us, therefore, hold firmly to the faith we profess.

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,
but one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet without sin.

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, give us such a vision of your purpose and such an assurance of your love and power, that we may ever hold fast the hope which is in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

The Church's One Foundation

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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, grant us true repentance unto life, 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.



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

⊗ 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.

⊗ THE PEACE

⊗ GLORIA PATRI

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING JEREMIAH 23:16-22 p. 774

NEW TESTAMENT READING 2 PETER 2:1-10 p. 1207

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 55 *Cast Your Burden Upon the Lord* 673

⊗ GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 7:15-20 p. 965

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

SERMON *Beware!*

⊗ 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

OFFERTORY *The Lord's Prayer*

ALBERT HAY MALOTTE
PIANO/ORGAN DUET ARR. CARL DEIS

⊗ 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

COMMUNION HYMN

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

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At the lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.

Praise we Christ, whose blood was
shed; paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from the sky,
pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;
death is conquered in the fight,
thou hast bought us life and light:
hymns of glory and of praise,
risen Lord, to thee we raise;
holy Father praise to thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.

⊗ HYMN OF DEPARTURE

Faith of Our Fathers!

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⊗ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

For All The Saints

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Johnson Chang-Fong is the leader.

ORGANIST: Marilyn Holweg

PAINIST: Thyra Hollweg

Beware!

MATTHEW 7:15-20

1. The Warning (v. 15)

The text contains only ____ present im____.

They are not a____ for the way of the c____.

True prophets are admitted into God's h____ council.

The whole NT is full of w____ against ____ teachers.

They can help the church to c____ its teaching.

Jesus expects false teaching to i____ towards the end.

They are good at d____ themselves as sheep.

With subtlety and s____ they seduce people.

Where does Paul speak of "fierce wolves" arising? ____ 2_.

Hebrews 5: t____ powers of ____ by practice.

2. The Testing (vv. 16-20)

Eventually, n____ reveals itself.

We look for Christlikeness, which is the ____ of the S____.

We also look for the life of the b____.

Speech will eventually d____ c____.

We must guard the ____ de____ to the s____.

Disordered truth is the most powerful form of f____.

False prophets love n____ and i____.

We should watch the e____ of what is being taught.

Goal of our teaching: L____ from a p____ heart.

We are not called to be s____ he____ hunters.

It takes ____ to evaluate well.

Ultimately, we look to God's e____ judgement.

Missions Work Highlight

STEPHEN AND LAURA SPANJER
With Won By One International, Fall 2021

We praise the Lord that we were able to have an outdoor service at the Neuenburg International Church recently in spite of forecasted rain. God blessed the 60 plus souls in attendance with sunshine and a beautiful breeze! We are also very excited about two men that have been preparing for baptism. Merlin and Gabriel represent the first adult baptisms in the Neuenburg International Church.

Would you pray with us asking God to:

- 1) Secure a larger building due to numerical growth
- 2) Bless the families of our Special Needs baseball outreach program
- 3) Bring unity and fruitfulness among the staff as we add new leadership

We stand on the shoulders of those who have supported us in the work at Neuenburg. We, and those whose lives have been changed by God will be forever grateful! Thank you.

Announcements

Today is the International Day of Prayer (IDOP) for our brothers and sisters in places like Afghanistan, China, and Nigeria. In the midst of great hostility toward Christians, the prayer most requested by them is for courage and strength to stay true to Christ.

Fellowship is having a Harvest Pot-Luck Luncheon on November 14, following Sunday School. The congregation is asked to bring main dishes, side dishes, salads, and/or desserts.

Shoebboxes are available at both church entrances and are due back by **Sunday, November 21**.

Instructions and ideas for packing a shoebox can be found inside each shoebox.

The Shoebox Packing Party for Operation Christmas Child will be held on

Friday, November 12 at 6:00pm. All are welcome to come and help out!

Please join us for pizza and drinks. You are welcome to bring a dessert if you like!

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	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).

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The Reverend Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

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The Reverend Mark D. Diedrich

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