

The Lord's Service

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOVEMBER 15, 2020



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

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

PSALM 67:1

May God be gracious to us and bless us,
 and make his face to shine upon us.
**Let your ways be known upon the earth,
 your saving health among all nations.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin,
 to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom.
 Like Christ's first followers, may we hear his call to discipleship, and,
 forsaking old ways, proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world;
 through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you
 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

Our God is Mighty, Worthy of All Praising

454 (vv. 1, 4)

CONFESSION OF SINS

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your
 love for the nations. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of
 your light. We turn away from the poor. We do not walk in righteousness.
 We do not strive for holiness and peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
 and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we
 may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.**



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

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 with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

JONAH 3:1-10

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 TIMOTHY 2:20-26



GOSPEL READING

LUKE 11:29-32



RESPONSE

**The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.**

SERMON

Repentance: Jonah's, Nineveh's and God's

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 *How Sweet and Awesome is the Place* 469 (vv. 1, 5, 6)



CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Steve Flewelling (9:00AM)
Ron Bonagura (11:00AM)

ORGANIST: Neil Fick

Repentance: Jonah's, Nineveh's and God's

JONAH 3:1-10

1. Jonah's Repentance (verses 1-4)

Jonah is getting a ____ o____.
 God does not treat us as our ____ d_____
 God c____ about the city of _____.
 Jonah is learning about the c_____ of God's love.
 Jonah has not w_____ repented.
 Jonah's recorded sermon is ____ Hebrew words.

2. Nineveh's Repentance (verses 5-9)

Jonah's preaching is startlingly e_____
 Repentance toward ____ requires repentance toward ____.
 This is em_____, co_____ repentance.
 The fasting and prayer includes ____ and b_____.
 The sin of man has exacted a toll on the _____s.
 J____ speaks of the animals crying out to God.
 The whole city has become a kind of N_____ a____.
 The people bring forth the f_____ of r_____
 Preaching _____ and doing _____ entail each other.

3. God's Repentance (verse 10)

When God saw that they _____, he _____.
 God's repenting: he changes his _____ course of a_____
 God's plan includes s_____ causes.
 Prophecy is conditional on response: J_____ ____.
 Divine repentance means m_____ to the G_____
 The preaching of _____ is an act of mercy.
 God's k_____ leads us to _____.

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.

Announcements

Thanksgiving offering: This week and next week we will be accepting offerings that support church planting efforts in multi-ethnic or economically challenged neighborhoods. If you wish to donate, please make checks payable to Westminster and mark in the notation "P C A Thanksgiving Offering."

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.

Scripture Texts

JONAH 3:1-10

¹ Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time:

² “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

³ Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it.

⁴ Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.”

⁵ The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

⁶ When Jonah’s warning reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust.

⁷ This is the proclamation he issued in Nineveh: “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let people or animals, herds or flocks, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink.

⁸ But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence.

⁹ Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

¹⁰ When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Scripture Texts, *continued*

2 TIMOTHY 2:20-26

²⁰ In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use.

²¹ Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

²² Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

²³ Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels.

²⁴ And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.

²⁵ Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth,

²⁶ and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

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Our God Is Mighty, Worthy of All Praising

*Declare his glory among the nations. Ps. 96:3**Unison*

1. Our God is might - y, wor - thy of all praus - ing;
 2. Our God is gra - cious, in - fi - nite in mer - cy;
 3. Our God is faith - ful; he will work with - in us.
 4. Our God is sov - 'reign o - ver all cre - a - tion.

sing un - to him a glad, tri - um - phant song;
 he bridged the hope - less gulf our sin had made;
 ful - fill - ing all the pur - pose he has planned,
 and soon his earth shall hear his might - y voice:

he is the Lord, su - preme in earth and heav - en;
 he gave his Son, to pur - chase our sal - va - tion—
 cleans - ing our hearts and fill - ing with his Spir - it,
 with shout of joy the King shall come in splen - dor—

to him all strength and maj - es - ty be - long.
 in Je - sus Christ we meet God un - a - fraid!
 mak - ing us strong to keep his last com - mand.
 lift up your hearts, con - fess him, and re - joice!

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

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A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. Luke 14:16

1. How sweet and awe - some is the place
2. While all our hearts and all our songs
3. "Why was I made to hear your voice,
4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast

with Christ with - in the doors, while ev - er - last - ing
join to ad - mire the feast, each of us cries, with
and en - ter while there's room, when thou - sands make a
that sweet - ly drew us in; else we had still re -

love dis - plays the choic - est of her stores.
thank - ful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?
wretch - ed choice, and rath - er starve than come?"
fused to taste, and per - ished in our sin.

5. Pity the nations, O our God,
constrain the earth to come;
send your victorious Word abroad,
and bring the strangers home.

6. We long to see your churches full,
that all the chosen race
may, with one voice and heart and soul,
sing your redeeming grace.

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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The Reverend Mark D. Diedrich

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