

# The Lord's Service

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*The Thirty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

NOVEMBER 21, 2021



**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

⊗ WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 11:

Q. What are God's works of providence?

**A. God's works of providence are, His most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all His creatures, and all their actions.**

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP ISAIAH 28:16; MARK 11:9, 10B

Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion,  
 a stone, a tested stone,

**a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**Hosanna in the highest!**

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and made us servants in your kingdom. By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need. Then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may worship and adore you and be welcomed into your everlasting joy; through 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

*Christ Is Made the Sure 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.**

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

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 ISAIAH 28:14-22 *p. 699*

NEW TESTAMENT READING JAMES 1:19-27 *p. 1199*

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

☒ GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 7:24-29 p. 966

☒ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord  
Praise be to God.

SERMON

*How Firm a Foundation*

☒ 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.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

*Bicinium on "We Gather Together"*

JOHN BARR

☒ 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 Firm a Foundation* 94

⊗ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Ode to Thanksgiving* BEETHOVEN

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot  
WORSHIP LEADER: Ron Bonagura  
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

## How Firm a Foundation

MATTHEW 7:24-29

Jesus is driving home the inescapable \_\_\_\_\_ before us.  
H\_\_\_\_\_ or h\_\_\_\_\_ hang in the balance.

### 1. The Builders (vv. 24-27)

Jesus is talking to the c\_\_\_\_\_.  
The two houses here would be almost i\_\_\_\_\_.  
Jesus is claiming d\_\_\_\_\_ authority for his own \_\_\_\_s.  
He demands we be \_\_\_\_\_ & not merely \_\_\_\_\_ of the Word.  
The \_\_\_\_ is Christ and his words in the S\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_.  
To build on the f\_\_\_\_\_ we must \_\_\_\_ d\_\_\_\_\_.  
The f\_\_\_\_\_ want the h\_\_\_\_\_ without any digging.  
They will not dig down to the point of utter s\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.  
The metaphor is not primarily about the “s\_\_\_\_\_ of l\_\_\_\_\_.”  
The storm is the Lord coming in f\_\_\_\_\_ judgment.  
A picture of this storm: the N\_\_\_\_\_ f\_\_\_\_\_.  
Solomon: When the t\_\_\_\_\_ passes, the wicked is no more.

### 2. The Teacher (vv. 28-29)

The crowds were as \_\_\_\_\_ at his teaching.  
Not merely by the c\_\_\_\_\_, but by the m\_\_\_\_\_ of teaching.  
Jesus does not c\_\_\_\_\_ sources, he p\_\_\_\_\_ authority.  
No one ever \_\_\_\_\_ like this man.  
Are we more like this \_\_\_\_\_ than we were a few \_\_\_\_\_ ago?  
This is not some form of e\_\_\_\_\_ Christianity.  
It is the most r\_\_\_\_\_ form of h\_\_\_\_\_ life ever sketched.  
Dig down deep and build your \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_.

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## 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.

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## Announcements

As many of you know, the Diedrich's are retiring and moving to South Carolina. We will be having a cake to say goodbye to them and honor their service during the fellowship time today. All are invited!

We will be hosting a Thanksgiving soup supper 6:00 P.M. followed by Thanksgiving Service at 7 P.M.

The Fellowship team is hosting the Thanksgiving Eve Soup Supper on Wednesday, November 24th, at 6:00 P.M. For anyone wishing to contribute a soup, salad, bread, or dessert, there is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen. The Thanksgiving Eve Service will follow at 7:00 P.M.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due to be turned in today.

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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.

### Assistant Minister

The Reverend Mark D. Diedrich

### 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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