

The Lord's Service

Christ the King

NOVEMBER 24, 2019



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

Song
The King of Love My Shepherd Is Gounod

HEALEY WILLAN
ARR. RITTER

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

Q23. What offices doth Christ execute as our redeemer?

Christ, as our redeemer, executeth the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 146:3-5

Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man in whom there is no salvation.

When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish,

Blessed is he whose hope is in the God of Jacob,

whose hope in is the Lord his God.

☒ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King: Grant that the people of earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

☒ HYMN OF PRAISE

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. 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

1 SAMUEL 18:1-30

NEW TESTAMENT READING

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

☒ HYMN OF PREPARATION *Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor* 230

☒ GOSPEL READING LUKE 23:33-43

☒ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON

Love, Madness, and Favor

☒ THE APOSTLES' CREED 845

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

The Earth is the Lord's

NYGARD



STANDING IF COMFORTABLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: **spoken, sung**



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

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ode to Thanksgiving – on themes of Beethoven

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Mike Bonagura

ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

ACCOMPANIST: Arlene Sokoloski

Announcements

Greeters

This Week: The R. David Family

Next Week: Linda Dennis/ E. Riffard

Nursery Workers

This Week: L. David / Karin Bonagura

Next Week: E. Felts / J. Reiss

Service Assistants

This Week: E. Weber, S. David,

M. Kniffin, J. Grammer

Next Week: E. Weber, S. David,

J. Schlegel, J. Grammer

Deacon of the Month

J. Grammer

Weekly Sunday Morning Prayer: 9:20AM in the library. Join us to pray for the worship and work of WPC.

Proclaim – On the First Sunday of every month the beginning of both Sunday School classes will be dedicated to praying for outreach opportunities. All are encouraged to join us.

Pastor Chiarot's sermons may be heard on Redeemer Broadcasting at 11:00AM and 5:00PM every Sunday on frequencies 90.3 FM and 102.5 FM. They are also available on iTunes and on our website.

If you would like to meet with Pastor Chiarot, please connect with him in person or contact the church office.

Evening Service at 6:00PM.

11/27 – Thanksgiving Eve Soup Supper at 6:00PM; Worship service at 7:00PM.

11/28 – Thanksgiving Day

12/1 – First Sunday in Advent

12/8 – Fellowship Luncheon. Congregation should bring main dishes, salads, desserts to share. Second service 2:00PM.

12/24 – Christmas Eve Candle Light Service 7:30PM.

STEPHEN & LAURA SPANJER
WITH WON BY ONE INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES
Neuenburg am Rhein, Germany

The Neuenburg International church had a great year in 2018. Three new members were added, and the first ruling elder was ordained. The church covets your prayers for German leadership to be raised up in their congregation.

Recently they put on their 2nd annual Special-Needs Baseball Event in Neuenburg and it was a great success. Participation tripled from the previous year as they sought to be the hands and feet of Christ to an overlooked segment of their society.

Thanks to Westminster for your encouragement and partnership in the church-planting work here in Germany.

Love, Madness, and Favor

1 SAMUEL 18:1-30

1. Love (verses 1-5)

Jonathan had his spirit _____ with David.

Love r_____ in the _____ of others.

Love does not _____; it does not b_____.

Love b_____ and love g_____.

Jonathan transfers the right of s_____ to David.

It is an act of s____-e_____.

2. Madness (verses 6-27)

The lyric is _____ intended as a dig at Saul.

They came out to meet _____ with singing and dancing.

Saul is full of _____, and envy _____.

Envy leads to i_____ p_____.

Saul is clinging to p_____ he cannot _____.

He is ps_____ un_____.

The Lord was _____ David, but had _____ from Saul.

Saul is willing to inflict a lifetime of _____ on Merab.

He seeks to have David killed by the P_____.

3. Favor (verses 28-30)

Even Saul r_____ God was with David.

Madness only consumes the r_____ madman.

The Lord is David's k_____. Favor leads to s_____.

Jonathan's love points to the gr_____ love of C_____.

David is a type, a picture of I_____: God _____ us.

Jesus saves us from the m_____ of our sin.

He restores us to s_____.

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	10:00 AM
Sunday School	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)

Mike Bonagura, Ron Bonagura, Robert David,
Steve Flewelling, James Phillips, Dave Reiss
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