

The Lord's Service

The First Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 01, 2019



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

⌘ WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

Q25. How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?

Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.

⌘ CALL TO WORSHIP

ISAIAH 7:14; LUKE 1:32-33

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son

He shall be called Immanuel

He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High

And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David

And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever

And of His kingdom there will be no end!

⌘ PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of grace, your eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will. Prepare our hearts for his coming again; keep us steadfast in hope and faithful in service, that we may receive the coming of his kingdom, for the sake of Jesus Christ the ruler of all, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

⌘ HYMN OF PRAISE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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CONFESSION OF SINS

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not sought or expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, we excuse our sins, and fail to love our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek the things that will endure, when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

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

God spoke all these words, saying; I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods before me. **Against thee, thee only, I have sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight.**

You shall not make for yourself graven images...you shall not bow down to them or serve them. **O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. **O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. **How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

Honor your father and your mother. **Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; according to thy steadfast love remember me, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord!**

⌘ 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.

You shall not kill.

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any wicked way in me.

You shall not commit adultery.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

You shall not steal.

Have mercy on me, O God, blot out my transgressions.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. **Put false ways far from me; and graciously teach me thy law!**

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.

Incline my heart to thy testimonies, and not to gain! Deliver me from all my transgressions.

The Lord is near to all that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He fulfills the desire of all who fear him, he also hears their cry, and saves them.

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

INTERLUDE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of love and power, you are revealed to us in your Word, in accounts of prophecy and fulfillment that direct us to Jesus Christ. Illumine us now as we hear your Word proclaimed, that we may open our hearts to him, yearn for his coming in glory, and serve him with joy. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 SAMUEL 7:1-11, 16

NEW TESTAMENT READING

ROMANS 16:25-27

☒ HYMN OF PREPARATION *This Is the Day the Lord Has Made* 389

☒ GOSPEL READING LUKE 1:26-38

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

SERMON *The Annunciation*

☒ THE NICENE CREED 846

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *Gabriel's Message* BASQUE CHRISTMAS FOLK CAROL

☒ 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.

COMMUNION

Only outside ring of Communion tray contains grape juice.

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

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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⌘ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David

ORGANIST: Neil Fick

QUARTET: L. Steinberger, S. David, B. Sokoloski, J. Phillips

Announcements

Greeters

This Week: Linda Dennis/ E. Riffard

Next Week: Ron & Karin Bonagura

Nursery Workers

This Week: E. Felts / J. Reiss

Next Week: M. Kuliszewski/ D. Menhart

Service Assistants

This Week: E. Weber, S. David,

J. Schlegel, J. Grammer

Next Week: E. Weber, M. Kniffin,

S. David, E. Timberger

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.

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.

REDEEMER BROADCASTING

WHVC 102.5 FM AND 90.3 FM

Christian Radio for the Hudson Valley

Redeemer Broadcasting, hosts our church worship service each Sunday 11 am and 5 pm, along with other reformed programming and calm music. You can find promotional literature in the Narthex. Finances continue to be tight. As we enter Advent, let us thank God for this radio ministry and prayerfully consider your financial support. A great opportunity exists of a matching grant for first-time donations till year's end. Please help this small, local radio network meet budget and spread the gospel message of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Annunciation

LUKE 1:26-38

The story seems stunningly in _____.

The single most effective an _____ ever.

1. The Greeting (vv. 26-28)

The r _____ & the t _____ are spoken of by the prophets.

The word for “Greetings” is the same root for r _____.

Luke is drawing on _____ chapter 3.

The reason for Zion’s joy: the _____ is w _____ you.

2. The Gift (vv. 29-33)

Mary is c _____ and th _____.

She has an inner en _____ with the Word.

The text confirms the f _____ h _____ of Jesus.

The meaning of “Jesus”: The _____ is s _____.

Jesus is the promised D _____ K _____.

House of Jacob: the _____, which is of Jewish stock.

3. The Giver (vv. 34-37)

The Spirit ov _____ the original cr _____.

Mary’s womb is like the _____ of the c _____.

She is the Th _____; the God-bearer.

These words were spoken by an Angel to _____.

4. The Gift-Bearer (v.38)

Mary is a pattern for all f _____ d _____.

She submits with what has become known as her f _____.

Waiting for full _____ is folly.

The early fathers: Mary con _____ through her _____.

Christ (born) in us is the _____ of g _____.

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).

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The Reverend Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

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The Reverend Mark D. Diedrich

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