

The Lord's Service

The Third Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 12, 2021



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* 16TH C./ HARM. BY MICHAEL PRAETORIUS
 Come Unto Him from "Messiah" GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL
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 QUESTION 14:

Q. What is sin?

A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP JEREMIAH 23:5-6; LUKE 1:32-33

Behold, the days are coming, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.
He shall be called "the Lord is our righteousness."

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

Eternal God, you taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand.
Keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom, and make us strong in
faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may joyfully
give him praise; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* 196

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

☒ 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 *Angels From the Realms of Glory* ARR. BILL INGRAM

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 JEREMIAH 33:14-22 *p. 787*

NEW TESTAMENT READING HEBREWS 7:11-25 *p. 1191*

☒ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 24 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!* 198

☒ GOSPEL READING

LUKE 1:26-38 p. 1016

☒ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON

The Righteous Branch

☒ 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

Savior of the Heathen Come

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

☒ 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.



HYMN OF DEPARTURE

The God of Abraham Praise

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

JOHANN GOTTFRIED WALTHER

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Johnson Chang-Fong

ORGANIST AND HAND BELL DIRECTOR: Elaine H. Simpson

HAND BELL RINGERS: Christiane Chang-fong, Daphene Flewelling,
Marilyn Hollwegs, Christina Quirk, Maggie Quirk,
Elizabeth Rossetter

The Righteous Branch

JEREMIAH 33:14-22

The good news is D_____ news.

Messiah will come at a time of restored n_____.

1. The Branch (vv. 14-16)

From David's l_____, the Messiah will s_____.

The Branch is r_____.

This language points to the sp_____ k_____ of Christ.

The throne, the sanctuary, and Jerusalem are now in _____.

Christ re_____ the i_____ of God in us.

With salvation comes dwelling s_____.

What does "it" refer to in verse 16? _____.

The righteous branch creates a _____ people.

A beautiful picture of our j_____ and sanctification.

2. The Priest-King (vv. 17-21)

The covenant God made with David is in 2 Samuel ____.

The Davidic king is also a _____.

Both figures are fulfilled in C_____.

This is as secure and permanent as the c_____d order.

This king-priest has no su_____s.

3. The Multitude (v. 22)

This is the language of the A_____ c_____.

Every major _____ in the Bible is alluded to here.

Here we see the m_____ of the p_____ of God.

We partake of his r_____ reign and p_____ ministry.

God _____ his p_____.

Missions Work Highlight

LYDIA CENTER IN MACEDONIA

On September 17th, we celebrated our 9th year of “Lydia”. We can hardly believe it! There were many challenges when we started but God has seen us through! Over 1000 women have come through our doors; many babies have been saved from abortion; multiple thousands of clothing articles and diapers have been donated; many tears have been shed.

Our work extends beyond counseling women and helping them make good decisions. We are there when the baby is born and Mom needs more diapers. We are there when their child starts school and needs school supplies. We are there for these mothers. And we are grateful for the prayers and support that help make this ministry go. May God bless all our friends who support us with their prayers and giving.

Announcements

This Sunday, December 12th, will be our last day of Sunday School classes for all youth and adults. The fellowship luncheon will follow Sunday School.

Today’s second service will be at 2:00 PM. This service will be an Advent hymn sing (after our regular time of prayer)

Next Sunday, December 19th, we will have our Christmas Pageant Movie immediately following worship service. We ask that after a quick bathroom/stretch break, everyone return to the sanctuary for the showing. Families are asked to sit together. Fellowship and goodies will follow the pageant showing.

As an Advent expression of gratitude, the Chiarot’s will be hosting the fellowship time after church next Sunday (the 19th). All are welcome to join!

There will be no Sunday school or evening service on 12/26 or 1/2. Sunday School classes will resume for all ages on Sunday, January 9, 2022.

We are in need of one more teacher to start in January for the 6-7 year old class (first and second grade). Please see Brenda Grammer for more information.

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.

Assistant Minister

The Reverend Mark D. Diedrich

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