

The Lord's Service

The First Sunday after Christmas

DECEMBER 26, 2021



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE *How Brightly Shines Yon Morning Star* J. S. BACH / ARR. LORENZ
 In dulci jubilo J.S. BACH
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 16:

Q. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him in his first transgression.

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP JOHN 1:14

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

We have beheld his glory. Alleluia!

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Who are we, Lord God, that you should come to us? Yet you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son. As we prepare to celebrate his birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word, and move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* 457

CONFESSION OF SINS

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. 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

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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

Luther's Cradle Hymn

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

PSALM 95

NEW TESTAMENT READING

HEBREWS 3:7-19

☒ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 84

O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely

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☒ GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 7:15-20

☒ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON

Eat the Bread, Enter the Rest

☒ 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

Noel Nouvelet

SETTING BY DALE WOOD

☒ 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 *Rock of Ages* 500

☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Joy to the World* FG. F. HANDEL

PREACHER: Mr. Justin Chiarot
WORSHIP LEADER: Bob Maucher
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

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

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Justin Chiarot to minister the Word of God to us this afternoon.

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

The Christmas Pageant Movie, originally planned to be shown on 12/19, has been rescheduled to Sunday, 01/02/2022.

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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Design

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.

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

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Joe Schlegel (2022), Tim Elmendorf (2022),
Paul Mowat (Chair: 2023),
Jim Rutigliano (2023), Joe Hall (2024)

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