

The Lord's Service

The First Sunday after Christmas

DECEMBER 29, 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

⊗ WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

Q30. How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?
The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

1 CORINTHIANS 5:7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

Let us therefore celebrate the feast.

Not with the leaven of malice and evil,

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise the Savior, Now and Ever

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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

☒ 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

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

EXODUS 13:3-10

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 CORINTHIANS 5:1-8

☒ HYMN OF PREPARATION *O for a Closer Walk with God* 534

☒ GOSPEL READING LUKE 2:41-52

☒ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON

A Feast to Remember

☒ 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



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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

PREACHER: Mr. Jared Smith

WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David

ORGANIST: Neil Fick

Announcements

Greeters

This Week: Maria Beach

Next Week: Mary McCorvey

Nursery Workers

This Week: Sarah David/ K. Spanjer

Next Week: Karin Bonagura/ Caitlin. H.

Service Assistants

This Week: J. Schlegel, M. Kniffin,

E. Timberger, T. Elmendorf

Next Week: J. Schlegel, S. David,

E. Timberger, M. Kniffin

Deacon of the Month

Ed Weber

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.

We are pleased to have Mr. Jared Smith, pastoral intern at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Short Hills, NJ, minister the Word to us this morning.

WPC 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.

Second Service at 2:00PM.

1/04 – Book Club 10:00AM.

1/12 – Fellowship Luncheon. Congregation should bring main dishes, salads and desserts to share.

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.

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
Elder Emeritus: Neil Fick

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