

The Lord's Service

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 11, 2024



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Elizabeth Sterling
The God of Abraham Praise*

LARGO
FLOR PEETERS

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

- ⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP ROMANS 10:8B-9
The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);
If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

- ⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY
O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

- ⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE 163
At the Name of Jesus

CONFESSION OF SINS

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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!

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.

⌘ THE PEACE

THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEMBERSHIP VOWS

JO-ANN PUGH, CHRISTOPHER PUGH

⌘ GLORIA PATRI

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INTERLUDE

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

JOHN S. HODGES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON ACTS 16:25-34 *p. 1100*

SECOND LESSON ROMANS 10:5-13 *p. 1124*

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 98 *Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord* 16

⊗ GOSPEL READING JOHN 15:18-25 *p. 1072*

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

SERMON *Prison Ministry*

⊗ WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH OF SAVING FAITH CHAPTER 14

The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts; and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word: by which also, and by the administration of the sacraments, and prayer, it is increased and strengthened.

By this faith, a Christian believes to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word, for the authority of God Himself speaking therein; and acts differently, upon that which each particular passage contains; yielding obedience to the commands, trembling at the threatenings, and embracing the promises of God for this life, and that which is to come. But the principal acts of saving faith are, accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.

This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong; may be often and many ways assailed and weakened, but gets the victory; growing up in many to the attainment of a full assurance through Christ, who is both the author and finisher of our faith. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Andante

ADOLF HESSE



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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

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

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*Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
your chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness,
with water from the rock.*

*Hungry and thirsty, faint and weak,
as you when here below,
our souls the joys celestial seek
which from thy sorrows flow.*

*We would not live by bread alone,
but by your word of grace,*

*in strength of which we travel on
to our abiding place.*

*Be known to us in breaking bread,
but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
your table in our heart.*

*There sup with us in love divine;
your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heav'nly wine,
be our immortal food.*



HYMN OF DEPARTURE

Lead On, O King Eternal

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

Postlude in G

ARNOLD COOKE

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Adam Kuliszewski

ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson, D.M.A.

Prison Ministry

ACTS 16:25-34

1. Prayer and Praise (vv. 25-29)

Imprisonment occasioned ____ for them.

They were h_____ to be d_____.

The Kingdom: Righteousness, peace, joy in the _____.

Jesus: If they persecuted ____, they will persecute ____.

1 Peter 4: R_____ insofar as you share Christ's sufferings.

This was a p_____ in Christ's own sufferings.

Insults make you a r_____ p_____ for the Spirit of God.

Rejoice and be glad for your _____ is great in _____.

Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an _____.

It's not a _____ to the kingdom, this ____ the kingdom.

In due time, God _____ us from suffering and affliction.

They put the propagation of the gospel above their _____.

Paul is imitating _____, who loved his e_____.

2. Proclamation (vv. 30-34).

There are no _____ prescribed, just _____ alone.

Faith is an i_____ by which we receive Jesus.

The whole of our _____ is in Christ.

We must believe in the _____ Jesus.

The Jailer and his house had deep s_____ joy.

Missions Work Highlight

TIM AND THERESE GALAGE

South Africa

Tim and Therese Galage, MTW Missionaries in the Republic of South Africa have had an exciting year of travel for leadership training, women's ministries, university outreach, a new church plant, and new interns enrolled in the church planting program. They greatly appreciate our prayer and financial help in this vital work in South Africa.

Announcements

It is our joy today to receive Jo-Ann Pugh and Christopher Pugh as members of Westminster.

Our fellowship luncheon is today after the Sunday School time. All are invited! It will be followed by our second service at 2PM.

2/14/24 - Ash Wednesday Soup Supper beginning at 6:00pm. There will be a sign-up sheet in the kitchen for anyone wishing to contribute a soup, salad, bread or dessert. The service will follow at 7:00pm.

If you desire to churchwide emails please sign and provide your email on the sheet in the narthex.

We are hosting a luncheon for newcomers to Westminster on 2/25 after the Sunday School time. Please sign the sheet in the narthex or contact Cheryl Chiarot or Brenda Grammer if you plan to attend.

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

Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley

Worship	11:00 AM
Sunday School	12:30 PM

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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 Pastor

Rev. Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

Assistant Pastor

Rev. Justin Chiarot

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