

The Lord's Service

The First Sunday in Lent

FEBRUARY 26, 2023



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Auf meinen lieben Gotte
Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*

JOHANN N. HANFF
HEALEY WILLAN

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 75:

Q. What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?

A. The eighth commandment forbids whatever does, or may, unjustly hinder our own, or our neighbor's, wealth, or outward estate.

⌘ CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 69:34-36A

Let heaven and earth praise him,

the seas and everything that moves in them.

For God will save Zion and build up the cities of Judah,

and people shall dwell there and possess it; the offspring of his servants shall inherit it.

⌘ PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, light of the hearts that see you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, to abide in you is to stand fast forever. Although we are unworthy to approach you, or to ask anything at all of you, grant us your grace and blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

⌘ HYMN OF PRAISE

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

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CONFESSION OF SINS

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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

By the mercies of God, present your bodies as a living sacrifice,

Holy and acceptable to God, which is our fitting service.

Do not be conformed to this age,

But be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

That by testing you may discern what is the will of God,

What is good and acceptable and mature.

Let no one think of himself more highly that he ought,

But think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith God has provided.

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;

Hold fast to what is good.

Love one another with brotherly affection.

Outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not be slothful in zeal,

Be fervent in the Spirit, serving the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,

Be constant in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints,

ROMANS 12:1-21

And seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you.

Bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice,

Weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another;
Do not be haughty,

But associate with the lowly and never be conceited.

Repay no one evil for evil,

But give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves,

But give place to the wrath of God.

For it stands written:

“Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord”

To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him;

If he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

For by doing so you will heap burning coals on his head.”

Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.

⊗ THE PEACE

⊗ GLORIA PATRI

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INTERLUDE

Spirit of the Living God

DANIEL IVERSON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Grant, Almighty God, that as you shine on us by your Word, we may not be blind at midday, nor willfully seek darkness, and thus lull our minds asleep: but, may we be roused daily by your words, and may we stir up ourselves more and more to fear your name and thus present ourselves and all our pursuits, as a sacrifice to you, that you may peaceably rule and perpetually dwell in us, until you gather us to your celestial habitation, where there is reserved for us eternal rest and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING PSALM 69:1-36 *p. 571*

NEW TESTAMENT READING ACTS 1:15-26 *p. 1080*

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 47 *Rejoice, All People, Homage Give* 73

⊗ GOSPEL READING LUKE 24:36-49 *p. 1052*

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

SERMON *From Eleven to Twelve*

⊗ THE ATHANASIAN CREED PART 1

Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic faith. And the catholic faith is this:

That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in unity, neither confounding the persons, nor dividing the substance. For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is one, the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son and such is the Holy Spirit. The Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, and the Holy Spirit is uncreated. The Father is immeasurable, the Son is immeasurable, and the Holy Spirit is immeasurable. The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, and the Holy Spirit is eternal. And yet there are not three eternal beings; there is but one eternal being. So too there are not three uncreated or immeasurable beings; there is but one uncreated and immeasurable being.

Likewise, the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, and the Holy Spirit is almighty. Yet there are not three almighty beings; but one almighty being. So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. Yet they are not three gods; there is but one God. Thus, the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, and the Holy Spirit is Lord. Yet there are not three lords; there is but one Lord.

Just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be both God and Lord, so are we forbidden by the catholic religion to say there are three gods or three lords. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *O Living Bread from Heaven* ROBERT LAU

☒ DOXOLOGY 731

☒ 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.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* 420

*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,
powers 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 *The Spirit Breathes upon the Word* 145

☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Recessional* JOSEPH ROFF

From Eleven to Twelve

ACTS 1:15-26

Instruction from, not imitation of, the _____.

1. Scripture (verses 15-20)

Scripture _____ to be fulfilled.

Scripture is the Word of _____ in the language of _____.

Scripture speaks, in advance, specifically, about _____.

This is in _____ ap _____ interpretation.

Peter learned this from the _____ himself.

These are known as imp _____ Psalms.

David's _____ are types of Christ's _____.

Psalm 69 is used _____ times in the New Testament.

Christ is the _____ and the g _____ of Scripture.

The second Psalm cited is Psalm _____.

2. The Twelve (verses 21-26)

Time period: the _____ of John to the a _____.

Paul is an ap _____, but not one of the original _____.

The apostles are _____ to the r _____.

The casting of lots is not a m _____.

We have neither a _____ nor l _____ today.

Apostles are the foundation for the renewed Is _____.

We have their testimony in the form of _____.

Through the _____ we are filled with the _____.

Missions Work Highlight

TIM & THERESE GALAGE

Cape Town, South Africa

Our hearts are full of gratitude to the Lord for His mercy, grace and provision. We stand in awe of all He is doing in Southern Africa. And your partnership means that you are part of this work. Thank you for standing with us. Thank you for your prayers.

The Bible Institute (BISA) in Cape Town, South Africa will celebrate its 100th birthday in 2023! Many pastors and leaders have been trained here. Join with us in prayer for wisdom and energy incorporating three new missionary families as they begin their new roles on our team and for Tim in his role as Regional Director of Southern Africa, setting the vision and strategy for the region. His particular focus is on facilitating church planting.

Announcements

Our weekly Lenten service is this Wednesday, 3/1, at 7 PM.

Youth Group will meet in the teen room from 7-9 on Friday, March 3rd to discuss Mere Christianity. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Pastor Chiarot is teaching through a book called *Presbytopia: What It Means to be Presbyterian* in the adult Sunday School class. All who are interested in membership or desire to understand the basics of the reformed faith are strongly encouraged 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).

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