

# The Lord's Service

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*The Nativity of Jesus Christ*

DECEMBER 25, 2022



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*What Child Is This?* (ARR. LARSON); *The First Noel* (ARR. LARSON)  
*Good Christian Men, Rejoice* (ARR. LARSON); *Masters In This Hall* (ARR. LOHR)  
*O Morning Star, How Bright and Fair* (ARR. NAGEL); *Alleluia* (ARR. KING)  
*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 66:

Q. What is the reason annexed to the fifth commandment?

**A. The reason annexed to the fifth commandment is a promise of long life and prosperity (as far as it shall serve for God's glory, and their own good) to all such as keep this commandment.**

⌘ CALL TO WORSHIP

ISAIAH 7:14; LUKE 1:32-33

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son.

**He shall be called Immanuel.**

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

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

*Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

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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 expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, fail to love our neighbors, and refuse the way of righteousness and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek 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

✠ OUR LIFE OF GRATEFUL OBEDIENCE

FROM MATTHEW 5:1-12

Jesus opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

**For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are those who mourn,

**For they shall be comforted.**

Blessed are the meek,

**For they shall inherit the earth.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

**For they shall be satisfied.**

Blessed are the merciful,

**For they shall receive mercy.**

Blessed are the pure in heart,

**For they shall see God.**

Blessed are the peacemakers,

**For they shall be called sons of God.**

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,

**For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you

**And utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.**

Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven,

**For so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.**

✠ 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

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

ARR. BY DAVID McCULLOUGH

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 2 SAMUEL 7:1-16 p. 305

NEW TESTAMENT READING ROMANS 1:1-7 p. 1116

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: BASED ON PSALM 98 *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come* 195

⌘ GOSPEL READING LUKE 1:26-38 p. 1016

⌘ RESPONSE  
The Word of the Lord  
**Praise be to God.**

SERMON *A Davidic Christmas*

⌘ THE NICENE CREED  
**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.**

**And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *He Shall Feed His Flock from "Messiah"* GEORGE FRIEDERIC HANDEL

⌘ 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 *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* 222

⊗ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Hallelujah Chorus* ARR. THOMAS

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David

ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

BRASS QUARTET: Zachary Hommel (*trumpet*), Fiona Shonik (*trumpet*),  
Andrew Pacht (*trombone*), Adam Kuliszewski (*tuba*)

## A Davidic Christmas

2 SAMUEL 7:1-16

This text is the s\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ covenant.  
Two psalms which refer back to this text: 1\_\_\_\_\_ and 8\_\_\_\_\_.

### 1. The Historical Prologue

Verses 5 through 16 are one long \_\_\_\_\_ speech.  
The text mirrors \_\_\_\_\_s in the ancient near east.  
This prologue rehearses the b\_\_\_\_\_ given by the King.  
The covenant rests on the I\_\_\_\_\_ principle.

### 2. Dwelling Place and Dynasty

House can mean a d\_\_\_\_\_ place or a d\_\_\_\_\_.  
This Davidic dynasty is to be e\_\_\_\_\_.  
God \_\_\_\_\_ the world in which we can build for him.  
God now r\_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ through the Davidic line.

### 3. David's Son and God's Son

S\_\_\_\_\_ shall build a house for Yahweh.  
David's \_\_\_\_\_ is also God's \_\_\_\_\_.  
Psalm 89: He shall cry to me, "You are my \_\_\_\_\_."

### 4. The Unconditional Condition

Any given son of D\_\_\_\_\_ can be d\_\_\_\_\_.  
The dynasty comes to a complete end at the \_\_\_\_\_.  
Ultimately, the covenant is u\_\_\_\_\_.  
Isaiah speaks of God's steadfast, \_\_\_\_\_ love for David.

### 5. The Fulfillment

The Davidic kingdom is a ty\_\_\_\_\_ kingdom.  
Christ is THE Son of David to whom the p\_\_\_\_\_ belong.  
Jesus sits on the \_\_\_\_\_ of David f\_\_\_\_\_.  
No c\_\_\_\_\_ theology, no \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Missions Work Highlight

### LYDIA CENTER IN MACEDONIA

In October we celebrated our 10th year of “Lydia”. Over 1000 women have come through our doors; many babies have been saved from abortion; thousands of clothing articles and diapers have been distributed; many tears have been shed. At our conference in Sarajevo, Bosnia we were strengthened by each other and ended our time praying that Pro Life Ministries increase in the Balkans. We are grateful for your prayers and support that help make this ministry go. May God bless all of our friends.

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## Announcements

Today and next Sunday (1/1) there will be no coffee/fellowship time, no Sunday School, and no evening service. Sunday School will resume on 1/8/23.

We are in need of Nursery volunteers. Please sign up in the nursery if you can help.

## 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!

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### 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 Minister

The Reverend Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

### Session (Ruling Elders, with Class Year)

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