

# The Lord's Service

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*The Epiphany of the Lord*

JANUARY 02, 2022



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Das Alte Jahr Vergangen ist*

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

*Arioso*

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*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 17:

Q. Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

**A. The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.**

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

ISAIAH 60: 1, 3

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

**The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!**

Nations shall come to your light,

**and kings to the brightness of your rising!**

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was presented in the temple and acclaimed the glory of Israel and the light of the nations. Grant that in him we may be presented to you and in the world may reflect his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

*Once in Royal David's City*

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CONFESSION OF SINS

**Almighty God, rich in mercy to all who call upon you: Hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward you and our neighbors. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and of your great goodness grant that we may serve you in newness of life; through the mediation of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior. Amen.**



STANDING IF COMFORTABLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: spoken, sung

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

You shall have no other gods before me.  
**It is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.**

You shall not make for yourself a graven image.  
**God is a spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.**

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.  
**Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool... Let what you say be simply Yes or No; anything more than this comes from evil.**

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.  
**The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath; so the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath.**

Honor your father and your mother.  
**For God commanded, he who speaks evil of father or mother, let him surely die.**

You shall not kill.  
**Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.**

You shall not commit adultery.  
**Everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.**

You shall not steal.  
**For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery...theft...These are what defile a man.**

You shall not bear false witness.  
**For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.**

You shall not covet.  
**Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.**



THE PEACE



GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

## 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 27:1-14 *p. 543*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

REVELATION 21: 9-14, 22-27 *P. 1234*

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 84

*O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely*

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⊗ GOSPEL READING

LUKE 2:41-52 *p. 1019*

⊗ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord  
Praise be to God.

SERMON

*My Father's House*

⊗ 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

*Not Worthy Lord (Trinity #428)*

MENDELSSOHN



⊗ 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*

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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,  
pow'rs 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

*Jerusalem the Golden*

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⊗ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Unto Us a Child Is Born*

G. H. RICHOLSON

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Adam Kuliszewski

ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

## My Father's House

LUKE 2:41-52

### 1. Jerusalem (vv. 41-45)

The Passover journey reminds the Jews they are p\_\_\_\_\_.  
 The city & temple point to the h\_\_\_\_\_ city & temple.  
 Jesus' d\_\_\_\_\_ is bound to this feast and this \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. The Temple (vv. 46-49)

The temple is the d\_\_\_\_\_ place of God's r\_\_\_\_\_.  
 Jesus dwells today in the heavenly \_\_\_\_\_.  
 The scene with the teachers shows Jesus' h\_\_\_\_\_.  
 Texts are learned by being read in c\_\_\_\_\_.  
 Humility takes the shape of \_\_\_\_\_g.  
 If we don't listen well we won't \_\_\_ good q\_\_\_\_\_.  
 We are in\_\_\_\_\_ and then we in\_\_\_\_\_ the text.  
 Jesus was in a d\_\_\_\_\_ where he was \_\_\_\_\_ questions.  
 Mary expresses mi\_\_\_\_\_ an\_\_\_\_\_.  
 They should have \_\_\_\_\_ where Jesus would be.  
 He was, in fact, with his \_\_\_\_\_.  
 He is claiming to be the un\_\_\_\_\_, the d\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_.

### 3. Nazareth (vv. 50-52)

Jesus undergoes full \_\_\_\_\_ development.  
 He is the \_\_\_\_\_ person of the Trinity, fully \_\_\_\_\_ and fully \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Jesus lives out the life of the \_\_\_\_\_ fl\_\_\_\_\_.  
 For now, Jesus has ov\_\_\_\_\_ families.  
 We should learn to take up the \_\_\_\_\_ God has laid upon us.  
 Let us imitate Mary & \_\_\_\_\_ these things in our hearts.  
 Through Jesus, we will \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord forever.

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## Missions Work Highlight

TONI & DUBRAVKA URUMOV

*Strumica, Macedonia*

By God's grace the church in Strumica, Macedonia, is doing well. I preach regularly and recently went through our statement of faith. We are also in the process of establishing a membership track and then, forming a team of elders. I also teach a bible studies on Thursday and Friday. My wife, Dubravka, prepares the study questions for both the men's and the women's groups. She is studying theology at the Theological School in Serbia where she recently completed her first semester.

In our church's outreach in the town of Josifovo things are also going well. People are coming to our house group even from the villages outside of Josifovo. Some of these people come from difficult backgrounds and are facing persecution from their families for leaving the Eastern Orthodox Church. We covet your prayers for them. And would you pray that we remain loyal to Christ and protected from the evil one.

May the Lord bless you and the church in Rock Tavern. Your support in God's work here is much appreciated.

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## Announcements

There will be no Sunday school or evening service today. Sunday School classes will resume for all ages on Sunday, January 16th.

The Christmas movie will be moved to 1/9. It will be followed by the coffee hour hosted by the Chiarots. The regular monthly fellowship meal will be moved to 1/16, followed by the 2:00PM second service.

The Fellowship pot-luck luncheon is being moved to January 16th, following Sunday School. The congregation is asked to bring "comfort food" for a Wintery day. This includes main dishes, casseroles, side dishes, salads and desserts.

## 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

### 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.

### 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

### Board of Deacons (with Class Year)

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Paul Mowat (Chair: 2023),  
Jim Rutigliano (2023), Joe Hall (2024)

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