

The Lord's Service

The Epiphany of the Lord

JANUARY 05, 2020



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Puer Natus in Bethlehem
If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

J.S. BACH
NEUMARK/ ARR. R.C. WILSON

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

Q31. What is effectual calling?

Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

☒ 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

Arise, O God

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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

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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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Send out your light and your truth, O Lord, that your Word would lead us to your holy hill, and into communion with Christ our King. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 60:1-6

NEW TESTAMENT READING

ROMANS 15:8-13

☒ HYMN OF PREPARATION *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* 252

☒ GOSPEL READING LUKE 2:21-35

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

SERMON *Shadows and Light*

☒ THE NICENE CREED 846

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *A Quiet Blessing* VENENGER
Communion – Beside the Cradle J.S. BACH

☒ DOXOLOGY 731
*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.

COMMUNION

Only outside ring of Communion tray contains grape juice.

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

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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⊗ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Shepherds at the Manger

LISZT/ ARR. NEVINS

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot
WORSHIP LEADER: James Phillips
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson
CELLIST: Faith Kuliszewski

Announcements

Greeters

This Week: Mary McCorvey

Next Week: Linda Croce

Nursery Workers

This Week: Karin Bonagura/ Caitlin H.

Next Week: Kelley Bonagura/ J. Reiss

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

M. Kniffin

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.

Pastor Chiarot's 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.

If you would like to meet with Pastor Chiarot, please connect with him in person or contact the church office.

Weekly Sunday Morning Prayer: 9:20AM in the library. Join us to pray for the worship and work of WPC.

Evening Service at 6:00PM.

01/12 – Fellowship Luncheon. Congregation should bring main dishes, salads and desserts to share. Second Service at 2 P.M.

TONI URUMOV
PASTOR/TEACHER IN SERBIA

The spiritual situation in Serbia is desperate. There are 0.01% Christians in the country. Serbia also has the least number of missionaries in all of Europe. It is challenging, but a huge privilege to be a useful tool in God's hands in Serbia. I have been serving as Pastor since September 2017. By God's grace the congregants are growing spiritually as well as in numbers. The Word is being preached regularly, and God is faithfully building His church. We are evangelizing in town through preaching and distribution of Gospel tracts.

I also organized a Reformation Conference which was an encouragement to the church.

Shadows and Light

LUKE 2:21-35

This is Saul's _____ folly. After this, he is i_____.

1. The Solidarity (verses 21-24)

Like every other Israelite, Jesus was born u_____ the law.

Circumcision is the sacrament that points to C_____.

Jesus' birth makes his mother un_____.

Jesus is born into p_____.

Jesus will pay the p_____ for our redemption.

2. The Song (verses 25-33)

Simeon was w_____ for the con_____ of Israel.

We long for the _____ coming as Simeon did for the first.

You now d_____ your servant in peace.

Simeon has seen the Lord's s_____.

He is ready to _____.

Revelation to the G_____s, and for g_____ to Israel.

To the _____ first, then to the _____.

3. The Sword (verses 34-35)

Jesus will cause the f_____ and r_____ of many.

Mary, a s_____ will pierce your own soul.

Jesus did not come to bring _____, but a _____.

Consolation is experienced in the _____ of the c_____.

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

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