

The Lord's Service

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

JANUARY 17, 2021



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

Andante in A Major
Go Not Far From Me, O God

C. SCHWEICH
ZINGARELLI

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

PSALM 73:25-26

Whom have I in heaven but you?

And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail,

but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you despise nothing you have made and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts, that truly repenting of our sins, and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

529 (vv. 1,4)

CONFESSION OF SINS

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from our sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive ways, hold grudges, and fail to welcome and love one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your lovingkindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism, so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. For the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. 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



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

Creator of the Stars of Night

(AUTHOR UNKNOWN)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 66:1-6

NEW TESTAMENT READING

PHILIPPIANS 3:2-11



GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 5:1-12



RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord

Praise be to God.

SERMON

Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

(not collected, brought up by deacons)

⌘ DOXOLOGY

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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.



HYMN OF DEPARTURE

The Beatitudes

527 (vv. 1, 2)



CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David (9:00AM)
Steve Flewelling (11:00AM)

ORGANIST: Neil Fick

Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

MATTHEW 5:3

Augustine: “the _____ measure of the Christian life.”

The Sermon is seemingly i_____.

This is e_____ w_____ teaching.

1. The Blessedness

The su_____ life of the p_____ is in view.

A reasonable translation of “blessed” is “fl_____.”

Jesus is teaching on the _____ life.

By implication, the Beatitudes are ex_____ for us.

2. The Poverty

This does not mean we lack d_____ or v_____.

Pride, even in real v_____, is d_____.

The poor in spirit place no _____ in the f_____.

They recognize that they are sp_____ ba_____.

They lack the al_____ to criticize others.

Poverty of spirit means recognizing our e_____.

They confess: N_____ in my hand I _____.

They have e_____ themselves to be f_____.

The poor are h_____ and c_____.

The poor in spirit t_____ at Holy Scripture.

They are pi_____ and the Spirit has made them t_____.

3. The Kingdom

The kingdom of heaven creates h_____ people.

The kingdom is both _____ and f_____.

Being poor in spirit is the _____ of receiving the kingdom.

We do not possess the r_____ for this life!

Missions Work Highlight

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.

Thank you all for your prayers.

Scripture Texts

ISAIAH 66:1-6

- ¹ This is what the Lord says: “Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. Where is the house you will build for me? nWhere will my resting place be?”
- ² Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?” declares the Lord. “These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word.
- ³ But whoever sacrifices a bull is like one who kills a person, and whoever offers a lamb is like one who breaks a dog’s neck; whoever makes a grain offering is like one who presents pig’s blood, and whoever burns memorial incense is like one who worships an idol. They have chosen their own ways, and they delight in their abominations;
- ⁴ so I also will choose harsh treatment for them and will bring on them what they dread. For when I called, no one answered, when I spoke, no one listened. They did evil in my sight and chose what displeases me.”
- ⁵ Hear the word of the Lord, you who tremble at his word: “Your own people who hate you, and exclude you because of my name, have said, ‘Let the Lord be glorified, that we may see your joy!’ Yet they will be put to shame.
- ⁶ Hear that uproar from the city, hear that noise from the temple! It is the sound of the Lord repaying his enemies all they deserve.

PHILIPPIANS 3:2-11

- ² Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. ³ For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.
- ⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Scripture Texts, *continued*

MATTHEW 5:1-12

- ¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him,
- ² and he began to teach them. He said:
- ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
- ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.
- ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him. John 14:21

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast;
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be:

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown:
 let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest:
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 End of faith, as its Be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 pray, and praise thee, with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 5:3

Capo 1: ♯ (D) (Bm) (Em) (A) (D) ♯

1. Blest are the hum - ble souls that see their emp - ti -
 2. Blest are the men of bro - ken heart, who mourn for
 3. Blest are the meek, who stand a - far from rage and
 4. Blest are the souls that thirst for grace, hun - ger and

(Em) (A) (D) (G) (A) (E⁷)

ness and pov - er - ty; trea - sures of grace to
 sin with in - ward smart; the blood of Christ di -
 pas - sion, noise and war; God will se - cure their
 long for righ - teous - ness; they shall be well sup -

(A) ♯ (D) (D⁷) (Gmaj⁷) (D) (A) (D) ♯

them are giv'n, and crowns of joy laid up in heaven.
 vine - ly flows, a heal - ing balm for all their woes.
 hap - py state, and plead their cause a - gainst the great.
 plied and fed, with liv - ing streams and liv - ing bread.

5. Blest are the men whose hearts do move
 and melt with sympathy and love;
 from Christ the Lord shall they obtain
 like sympathy and love again.
6. Blest are the pure, whose hearts are clean
 from the defiling pow'rs of sin;
 with endless pleasure they shall see
 a God of spotless purity.
7. Blest are the men of peaceful life,
 who quench the coals of growing strife;
 they shall be called the heirs of bliss,
 the sons of God, the God of peace.
8. Blest are the suff'ers who partake
 of pain and shame for Jesus' sake;
 their souls shall triumph in the Lord,
 glory and joy are their reward.

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	9:00 AM, 11:00AM
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).

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