

The Lord's Service

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

JANUARY 24, 2021



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*O Love That Casts Out Fear
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

GILBERT MARTIN

ROGER 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



CALL TO WORSHIP

HEBREWS 12:2

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,
**who for the joy set before him endured the cross,
scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort:
Deal graciously with us in our time of mourning,
that, casting all our sorrow on you,
we may know the consolation of your love;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Ye Disconsolate, Where'er Ye Languish

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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

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

CHARLES GABRIEL 1856-1932

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 61:1-3

NEW TESTAMENT READING

REVELATION 21:1-4



GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 5:1-12



RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON

Blessed Are Those Who Mourn

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 *Man of Sorrows! What a Name* 246 (vv. 1,2, 4)



CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE *Postlude* DAVID PAXTON

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Steve Flewelling (9:00AM)
Bob Maucher (11:00AM)

ORGANIST: Neil Fick

SOLOIST: Michael Steinberger

Blessed Are Those Who Mourn

MATTHEW 5:3

1. The Mourning

Spiritual p_____ leads to m_____.

Mourning is not a _____; it is a f_____.

Luke's parallel: W_____ to you who _____ now.

Jesus: man of _____ and man of highest _____.

Ultimately, we are mourning for _____.

The background for the beatitude is _____ chapter _____.

Our only sacrifice: a b_____ and _____ heart.

Luther: Christian life is a c_____ re_____.

This is g_____, not w_____ sorrow.

We also mourn for all the sins of Z_____.

And we mourn the br_____ of the world.

Now is the time of g_____ for the new creation.

The Bible is full of l_____.

In this mourning there is no self-_____ or self-_____.

Mourning is t_____ activity.

2. The Comfort

Greif must drive us into the arms of _____.

He is the c_____ of Israel.

Belonging to Christ is our only _____ in life and in death.

The Father is the God of _____ c_____.

The Spirit is called the c_____.

The text accents the coming e_____ comfort.

Mourning _____, comfort is less than _____, until the end.

S_____ and s_____ will flee away.

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

PSALM 24:1-10

¹The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

²for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

³Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?

⁴The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.

⁵They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God their Savior.

⁶Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, God of Jacob.

⁷Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

⁸Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

⁹Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty—he is the King of glory.

HEBREWS 12:12-17

¹²Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees.

¹³“Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

¹⁴Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

¹⁵See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

¹⁶See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son.

¹⁷Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. Even though he sought the blessing with tears, he could not change what he had done.

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.

Come, Ye Disconsolate, Where'er Ye Languish 615

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Heb. 4:16

1. Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish,
2. Joy of the com - fort - less, light of the stray - ing,
3. Here see the Bread of Life; see wa - ters flow - ing

come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel:
hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure!
forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove:

here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
Here speaks the Com - fort - er, in mer - cy say - ing,
come to the feast pre - pared; come, ev - er know - ing

earth has no sor - rows that heav'n can - not heal.
"Earth has no sor - rows that heav'n can - not cure."
earth has no sor - rows but heav'n can re - move.

Man of Sorrows! What a Name

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He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.
Is. 53:3

1. Man of Sor - rows! what a name for the Son of God, who came
2. Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my place con - demned he stood,
3. Guilt - y, vile, and help - less, we; spot - less Lamb of God was he;
4. Lift - ed up was he to die, "It is fin - ished!" was his cry;
5. When he comes, our glo - rious King, all his ran - somed home to bring,

ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
sealed my par - don with his blood: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
• full a - tone - ment! can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
now in heav'n ex - alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
then a - new this song we'll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!

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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