

The Lord's Service

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JANUARY 30, 2022



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

Elegy
Arioso

ANTHONY GIAMARCO
GEORGE F. HANDEL

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 20:

Q. Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A. God having, out of His mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a redeemer.

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 147:5; 145:3

Great is the Lord, and abundant in power.

His understanding is beyond measure.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!

His greatness is unsearchable!

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Omnipotent God, your glory is incomprehensible, your majesty infinite, and your power incomparable. Found us on the certainty of your promises, that no matter what happens, we may be firm in faith and live uprightly in your church, bought by the blood of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

O Worship the King

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Holy God, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not always sought or done your will. We have not lived as your grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us and make us whole. Set us free from our sin, and restore to us the joy of your salvation now and forever. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

☒ THE PEACE

☒ GLORIA PATRI 735
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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, Your love for us is everlasting; you alone can turn the shadow of death into the brightness of the morning light. Help us to turn to you with believing hearts. In the stillness of this hour, speak to us of eternal things, so that, hearing the promises in scripture, we may have hope and be lifted above our distress into the peace of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 40:12-28 *p. 712*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 TIMOTHY 6:11-16 *p. 1180*

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 72 *Christ Shall Have Dominion* 439

⊗ GOSPEL READING JOHN 17:1-5 *p. 1073*

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

SERMON *In Light Inaccessible*

⊗ THE APOSTLES' CREED 845
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

OFFERTORY *Andante* IRA D. SANKEY / ARR. WHITSETT

⊗ 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.



HYMN OF DEPARTURE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fantasia

JOHANN PACHELBEL

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Bob Maucher

ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

In Light Inaccessible

ISAIAH 40:12-28; 1 TIMOTHY 6:11-16

Knowledge of God _____ e_____ l_____.

Nothing is w_____ or more c_____ -intuitive than God.

1. God is Incomparable

This means _____ able to be c_____.

It's roughly akin to tr_____.

It is asserted in Isaiah 40 verses _____ and _____.

It's as if God _____ us to compare him to anything else.

Things in the same g_____ can be meaningfully compared.

God is q_____ different from all other beings.

God possesses qualities in a super-_____ t way.

God is _____ in _____ genus. God is b_____ itself.

God is s_____ and u_____.

His ways i_____ transcend ours: Isaiah chapter _____.

2. God is Incomprehensible

God dwells in u_____ light.

God to Moses: No _____ s_____ my _____ and lives.

This does not mean God is un_____ or in_____.

God is pure i_____.

'Tis only the _____ of _____ hideth thee.

God is c_____, but not f_____ so.

Scripture speaks of God as being un_____.

We can _____ God because he has made himself _____.

But we do not know _____ as he knows _____.

Three takeaways: h_____, c_____, w_____.

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.

Announcements

After the service today we will have the Christmas movie followed by the fellowship time hosted by the Chiarots.

Sunday School classes will resume next Sunday, 2/06.

We are in great need of nursery volunteers. Once every three months we are asking for service. Please stop in to sign up to volunteer. Without your help we will have to close the nursery.

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	10:00AM
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.

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