

The Lord's Service

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 07, 2021



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

Communion Meditation on "Picardy"

HEALEY WILLAN

Pastorale from Concerto Grosso Op. 6 No. 8

A. CORELLI

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

JOHN 1:1, 4-5

In the beginning was the Word,

and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you gave your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and be born of the Virgin Mary. Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

O God beyond All Praising

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON

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



STANDING IF COMFORTABLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: spoken, sung

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.



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

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

PSALM 139:13-16

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 JOHN 5:19-21

⊗ GOSPEL READING

JOHN 1:1-5

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

SERMON

Being Pro-Life

⊗ 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

OFFERING

(not collected, brought up by deacons)



⌘ DOXOLOGY

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⌘ 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* 420

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.

⌘ HYMN OF DEPARTURE *O Love of God, How Strong and True* 81 (vv. 1, 4)

⌘ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⌘ POSTLUDE *Fugue in C Major* BUXTEHUDE

PREACHER: Rev. Mark Diedrich

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

ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

VIOLINIST: Christiane Chang-Fong

Being Pro-life

JOHN 1:1-5

vs. 1-3

This passage shows the d_____ character of the Word, J_____.

He was in the b_____ before t_____.

He was f_____ to f_____ with God the Father.

He was G_____.

All c_____ made by Him, without Him n_____ e_____.

He created all things e_____ n_____.

vs. 4-5

In Him was l_____ and the l_____ was the l_____ of men.

Light shines in d_____ and is not o_____ by it.

William Hendricksen states that life here focuses on the s_____ life.

Physical life is from God alone and is u_____, humans cannot
r_____ it.

Let all living things p_____ God (Psalm 150:6).

Humans are unique in all life because of the i_____ D_____.

John Calvin states that "...the chief objective or life is to a_____
and w_____ God.

Application:

Abortion is a profound attack on life, not just the i_____ but also
it's a_____.

1 John 5:19-21 tells us that believers are from G_____ but the world is in
the power of s_____.

Our relationship with Jesus has given us u_____ so that we
know the t_____.

The power of the G_____ gives us u_____.

While c_____ g_____ arguments against abortion are powerful,
the Gospel is more powerful because it gives e_____ l_____.

Missions Work Highlight

JEREMIAH & JULIE DIEDRICH

Jeremiah and Julie along with their children, Miriam, Nehemiah, Hadassa, and Simeon have been serving Bible translation through aviation in the Amazon region of Brazil since 2006.

They were able to spend the Christmas holiday season with Jeremiah's parents, Pastor Mark and Karen Diedrich, returning home to Brazil on December 28th.

All permitting has been accomplished and approval has been given to fly the helicopter, although some restrictions are in place due to Covid. It is a blessing to reach remote areas with the Gospel message. This new aviation program will speed the work of church planters, evangelists, Bible translators, and other Gospel centered workers.

Jeremiah states: *"It is a privilege to be part of this work"* and the entire Diedrich family says: *"We feel very loved and upheld by the body of Christ through your prayers and partnership."*

Announcements

It is our joy to have our Assistant Pastor, **Rev. Mark Diedrich** minister the Word and Sacrament for us this morning.

Fellowship Ash Wednesday Soup Supper - Fellowship will be providing a Soup Supper on Wednesday, 2/17/2021 beginning at 6pm. Worship to follow at 7pm.

Scripture Texts

PSALM 139:13-16

¹³ For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

1 JOHN 5:19-21

¹⁹ We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.

²⁰ We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

²¹ Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.

JOHN 1:1-5

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² He was with God in the beginning.

³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

O God beyond All Praising

I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart. Ps. 138:1

Unison

1. O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send,
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

O Love of God, How Strong and True

I pray that you ... may have power ... to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge. Eph. 3:17-19

Introduction Am⁷ A⁷ D Bm Am⁹ F⁹

C Unison F C F

1. O love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
 2. O heav'n-ly love, how pre - cious still, in days of
 3. We read you best in him who came to bear for
 4. O love of God, our shield and stay through all the

C Am⁷ F C Am⁷

and yet ev - er new, un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
 wea - ri - ness and ill, in nights of pain and help - less -
 us the cross of shame; sent by the Fa - ther from on
 per - ils of our way! E - ter - nal love, in you we

F#dim Em Am⁷ Em D C Dm A

bought, be - yond all knowl - edge and all thought! O love of
 ness, to heal, to com - fort, and to bless! O wide - em -
 high, our life to live, our death to die. We read your
 rest, for - ev - er safe, for - ev - er blest. We will ex -

(Hymn 81 continued)

Dm⁷ Gm Dm G F C

God, how deep and great, far deep - er than man's deep - est
brac - ing, won - drous love! We read you in the sky a -
pow'r to bless and save, e'en in the dark - ness of the
alt you, God and King, and we will ev - er praise your

F C Dm⁷ G⁷ C F

hate; self - fed, self - kin - dled like the light, change - less, e -
bove, we read you in the earth be - low, in seas that
grave; still more in res - ur - rec - tion light we read the
name; we will ex - tol you ev - 'ry day, and ev - er -

Interlude

C F G C Am⁷ A⁷ D Bm Am⁹ F⁹

ter - nal, in - fi - nite.
swell, and streams that flow.
ful - ness of your might.
more your praise pro - claim.

Final ending

C C⁷ Am F 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	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).

Senior Minister

The Reverend Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

Assistant Minister

The Reverend Mark D. Diedrich

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