

The Lord's Service

The Transfiguration of the Lord

FEBRUARY 27, 2022



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Oh, Blest the House Whate'er Befall
A Moment of Prayer*

JOHANN C. BACH
DAVID PAXTON

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 24:

Q. How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?

A. Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by His Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

1 JOHN 3:2

Beloved, we are God's children now;
what we will be has not yet been revealed.
When he is revealed, we will be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: Give us faith to perceive his glory, that being strengthened by his grace, we may be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Merciful God, you pardon all who repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. Have mercy on us, O God, in your lovingkindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. 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

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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

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our Father, give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ, that we may know the immeasurable greatness of your power which is at work in us, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

2 PETER 1:16-21 *p. 1208*

SECOND READING

REVELATION 1:9-18 *p. 1218*

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 90 *O God, the Rock of Ages* 28

⌘ GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 17:1-9 *p. 977*

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

SERMON *Glory Unveiled*

⌘ 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 *Adagio* MENDELSSOHN

⌘ 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 *He Walks among the Golden Lamps* 315

⊗ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *March* PEETERS

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot
WORSHIP LEADER: Ron Bonagura
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

Glory Unveiled

MATTHEW 17:1-9; 2 PETER 1:16-21

1. The Glory of God

Moses cries out: Please _____ me your _____.

His works are _____ because He is g_____.

T. Watson: God's glory is the "s_____ of the deity." Glory is virtually synonymous with _____.

It is the es_____ e_____ of God.

2. Glory Incarnate

Jesus is the _____ person of the Holy _____.

Hebrews: He is the _____ of God's _____.

In him we see the glory of God in _____ form.

Yet, the full radiance of his d_____ is o_____.

At the transfiguration, the glory s_____ t_____.

3. Glory Unveiled

Context: take up your _____ and follow Jesus.

The scene evokes Moses' a_____ up _____ S_____.

This is his intrinsic, though to this point, v_____ glory.

The _____ nature irradiates his _____ nature.

John sees this same glory in _____ chapter 1.

Our _____ are not ready to see this body.

4. The Hope of Glory

This event is a preview of the _____ coming of Jesus.

God calls us to his _____ glory in _____.

Christ's body is an icon of our f_____ b_____.

Our l_____ body shall be like his g_____ body.

It drives us back to S_____, the _____ of God for now.

Glory will _____ the earth as the _____ cover the sea.

Missions Work Highlight

TIM AND THERESE GALAGE

Cape Town, South Africa

Tim traveled to Malawi (a South African country) where he spoke at a men's retreat on the marks of godly character, which are important for anyone but vital for church leaders. Near the end of 2021, we were able to host an evening with the key families of the Presbyterian churches in Cape Town so they could all get better acquainted. It was a joy to get more connected with the small Presbytery here and assist in church planting efforts.

Tim also led the two day board meeting for Southern Africa Reformed Mission (SARM) over Zoom. The board enthusiastically endorsed the raising of \$100,000 to support a church plant in Johannesburg, South Africa as well as a church planting internship program.

Pray for Tim as he plans trips to the US in 2022 to promote SARM projects and recruit leaders to assist in equipping key national partners in Southern Africa. Pray for Therese as she sets up monthly Zoom events for Mission to the World women across Sub-Sahara Africa.

Announcements

It is our joy to welcome Adam Gordon from All 4 Jesus ministries to Westminster today. Adam will be sharing about the ministry during the Sunday School hour in the sanctuary.

Today, we will be having a cake to honor Esther Riffard for her 30+ years of service to Westminster as our financial secretary during the coffee time. All are invited to join.

Westminster will be hosting our Ash Wednesday Soup Supper at 6:00PM this Wednesday, March 02. The supper will be followed by a Worship service at 7:00PM.

The Stephen Ministry is a church-based outreach to people in local communities who are burdened by difficulties such as grief, loneliness and illness. They equip members of a congregation to provide one on one care to those in need during these trials. Westminster is starting a Stephen Ministry. If you are interested, please contact Jim Rutigliano or Pastor Chiarot. Jim can be reached at 917.470.5477, or jim153r@gmail.com.

The Safety team is in need of volunteers. Please see Joe Schlegel if you can help.

Westminster is seeking to start a free healthcare clinic at the church under the auspices of Christ Health Care Ministries. Please see christhealthcareministry.org for information about this work.

- The ministry will be having a volunteer appreciation dinner at Westminster on Friday, March 11 at 6 PM. They have graciously invited anyone from WPC who would like to learn about the ministry. Since seating is limited, please see Pastor Chiarot or Steve Flewelling if you'd like to attend.

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.

Session (Ruling Elders, with Class Year)

Ron Bonagura (2022), Steve Flewelling (2022),
Bob Maucher (2023), Johnson Chang-Fong (2024),
Adam Kuliszewski (2024)
Elder Emeritus: Neil Fick

Board of Deacons (with Class Year)

Joe Schlegel (2022), Tim Elmendorf (2022),
Paul Mowat (Chair: 2023),
Jim Rutigliano (2023), Joe Hall (2024)

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