

The Lord's Service

The Second Sunday in Lent

FEBRUARY 28, 2021



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

Song 1

ORLANDO GIBBONS

Prelude on "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

JACK C. GOODE

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 63:1

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you;
**I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land where there is no water.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice and perseverance in striving for peace, that by our words and deeds the world may see the promise of your kingdom, revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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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.



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

Like a River Glorious

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 42:1-11

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 PETER 3:1-13



GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 5:1-12



RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord

Praise be to God.

SERMON

Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

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

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

Recessional on "Love Divine"

GORDON YOUNG

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

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

ORGANIST: Elaine Simpson

VOCALISTS: Linda Lou Sully, James Phillips

Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

MATTHEW 5:6

The Beatitudes reflect the full life of the kingdom.

1. Righteousness

Pe_____ righteousness and s_____ righteousness.

This is not i_____ righteousness.

It is conf_____ to the _____ of God in Christ.

We long for the full revelation of God's r_____ reign.

2. Hunger and Thirst

We are d_____ creatures, & our desires are di_____.

The world hungers for h_____ and is st_____.

Desire: not er_____ but re-_____ by the gospel.

Spiritually rumbling s_____ & spiritually p_____ throat.

"Hunger and thirst" are d_____ words.

The Psalmist speaks of p_____ for God.

Christ: Giver of l_____ w_____ and the b_____ of h_____.

It means a b_____ pursuit of God in _____.

God is the h_____ of our h_____ true desires.

To thirst for him ___ to thirst for righteousness.

Lack of desire for _____ is lack of desire for _____.

3. Being Satisfied

Mary's Magnificat: the poor shall be f_____ with good things.

Even now, Jesus fills us and s_____ us.

It is a satisfaction that leads to l_____.

Our full satisfaction is in the coming f_____ kingdom. Thirsting for righteousness means thirsting for re_____.

Two passages at end of sermon: Rev. ___ and 2 P_____.

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

WPC's Lenten services will be held Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M.

Northern Frontier Camp is a Christ-centered summer camp for boys in New York's Adirondack Mountains. There are programs for boys ages 8 - 16 years, Father and Son trips, and one and two week fishing, kayaking and rock climbing trips for the older boys. View the video and read about the programs on www.northernfrontier.org.

Please contact **Steve Flewelling** at shflewelling@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Scripture Texts

PSALM 42:1-11

¹ As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. ² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? ³ My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, “Where is your God?” ⁴ These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng.

⁵ Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God. ⁶ My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar. ⁷ Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me. ⁸ By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me—a prayer to the God of my life. ⁹ I say to God my Rock, “Why have you forgotten me? Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?” ¹⁰ My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me, saying to me all day long, “Where is your God?” ¹¹ Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

2 PETER 3:1-13

¹ Dear friends, this is now my second letter to you. I have written both of them as reminders to stimulate you to wholesome thinking. ² I want you to recall the words spoken in the past by the holy prophets and the command given by our Lord and Savior through your apostles.

³ Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. ⁴ They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.” ⁵ But they deliberately forget that long ago by God’s word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. ⁶ By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. ⁷ By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. ¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. ¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

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.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

He will be our guide even to the end. Ps. 48:14

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion, land me safe on

pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,
 jour - ney through; strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,
 Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

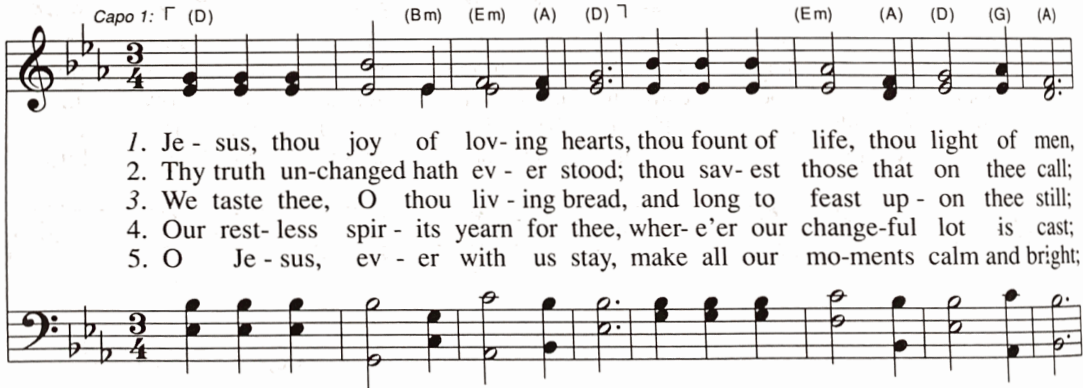
feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

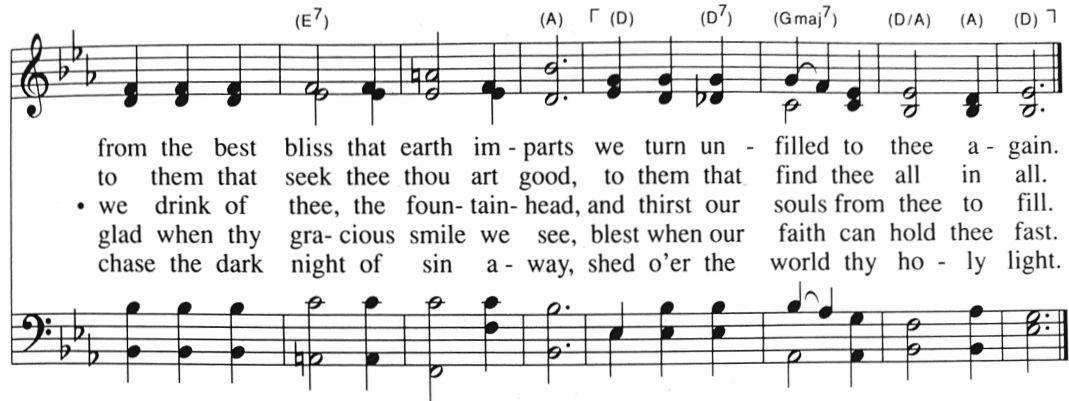
John 15:11

Capo 1: ♮ (D) (Bm) (Em) (A) (D) ♮ (Em) (A) (D) (G) (A)



1. Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men,
2. Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou sav - est those that on thee call;
3. We taste thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and long to feast up - on thee still;
4. Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, wher - e'er our change - ful lot is cast;
5. O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay, make all our mo - ments calm and bright;

(E⁷) (A) ♮ (D) (D⁷) (Gmaj⁷) (D/A) (A) (D) ♮



from the best bliss that earth im - parts we turn un - filled to thee a - gain.
to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.
• we drink of thee, the foun - tain - head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
glad when thy gra - cious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
chase the dark night of sin a - way, shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

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

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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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