

The Lord's Service

The First Sunday in Lent

MARCH 06, 2022



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

Jesu, Meine Freude
Prelude on "The King of Love"

J. S. BACH
GORDON YOUNG

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 25:

Q. How does Christ execute the office of a priest?

A. Christ executes the office of a priest, in His once offering up of Himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice and reconcile us to God, and in making continual intercession for us.

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 139:7-10

Where can I go then from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are infinite, eternal and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. Your works everywhere praise you, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior. Therefore we praise you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

O Light That Knew No Dawn

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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.
For from him and through him and to him are all things.

You shall not make for yourself a graven image.

In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.
Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.
Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

You shall not kill.
Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

You shall not commit adultery.
You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

You shall not steal.
Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor
Rather speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house, or anything that is your neighbor's
Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

⌘ THE PEACE

⌘ GLORIA PATRI

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.

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INTERLUDE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

FIRST READING 1 KINGS 8:22-30 p. 338

SECOND READING PSALM 139:1-10 p. 618

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 102 *Great God, How Infinite Art Thou* 27

⊗ GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 1:18-25 p. 959

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

SERMON *Infinite God*

⊗ 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

OFFERTORY *Psalm XXIII* PAUL CRESTON

⊗ DOXOLOGY 731

☒ 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.

Mighty victim from the sky,
pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;
death is conquered in the fight,
thou hast bought us life and light:
hymns of glory and of praise,
risen Lord, to thee we raise;
holy Father praise to thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.

☒ HYMN OF DEPARTURE *Vast the Immensity, Mirror of Majesty* 24

☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Song 22 (theme of Gibbons)* C. V. STANFORD

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot
WORSHIP LEADER: Johnson Chang-Fong
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson
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Infinite God

PSALM 139:1-10; 1 KINGS 8:22-30

God is a Spirit, _____, eternal, and unchangeable.

Infinity is a _____-attribute. All that God is, he is _____.

1. Infinity

Infinite means no _____ c_____.

It is a corollary of God being without a _____.

Solomon: h_____ & the h_____ heavens cannot contain you.

We are not s_____ by the infinity of God.

Solomon knows the temple cannot c_____ or l_____ God.

Infinity cleanses us from our _____ love of finite things.

Infinity means God t_____ space.

God is above space, and without space, and yet in _____ spaces.

2. Immensity

Immensity is a synonym for o_____.

The classic text for omnipresence is P_____.

No e_____. No r_____.

God is w_____ (not h_____) present everywhere.

Augustine: God is an infinite circle whose _____ is everywhere.

God does not _____ other bodies.

God works in a non-_____ way with creatures.

There is no m_____ of God and creatures.

3. Immanuel

The infinite God dwells _____ in the incarnate Christ.

The person of Jesus, being d_____, is infinite.

Thus Christ's a_____ is of infinite v_____.

We fear no evil for he is _____.

Missions Work Highlight

JEREMIAH & JULIE DIEDRICH

Northwestern Brazil

Greetings from Jeremiah and Julie Diedrich, along with our children, Miriam, Nehemiah, Hadassa, and Simeon. We have been serving as a pilot/mechanic family in Brazil since 2006 and for the past four years, serving in northwestern Brazil, helping to start a helicopter program. Helicopters have a huge impact in the ministries in this region speeding the gospel to previously inaccessible locations.

Thank you so much for praying for us, and for bringing our ministry and needs before the Lord. Would you pray that the new helicopter arrives soon in Brazil, for our family to adjust to life in the States (Our kids consider Brazil home, and are very sad that we will not be returning permanently to Brazil) traveling mercies as we visit support partners during home assignment, and an increase in financial support due to the higher cost of living in the U.S.

Announcements

Daylight Savings begins next Sunday, 3/13.

Westminster will hold Lenten services on Wednesdays at 7:00PM.

The Fellowship Pot-Luck Luncheon will be held next Sunday, 3/13/22. The congregation is asked to bring main dishes, sides, salads, and desserts. The second service will follow at 2PM.

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.
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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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