

The Lord's Service

The Second Sunday in Lent

MARCH 13, 2022



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light
Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

J. S. BACH
JOHN BARR

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 26:

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

A. Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to Himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all His and our enemies.

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

HEBREWS 12:18, 22

For you have not come to what may be touched,
a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and tempest;
**But you have come to Mount Zion,
and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.**

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Giver of light, we come here today, seeking the way out of darkness. O healer of the blind, let us feel the touch of your clay upon our eyes. Then we, too, shall bathe in Siloam's waters. We shall wash and return seeing, our sight restored. Your light shall burn within us, O God, and our neighbors shall behold the light of the world. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

Arise, My Soul, Arise

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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.

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

Sanctus

DOUGLAS E. WAGNER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

EZEKIEL 12:1-6 *p. 830*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

HEBREWS 12:22-24 *p. 1197*

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

⊗ GOSPEL READING JOHN 9:1-7 p. 1064

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

SERMON *Christians Don't Go To Church*

⊗ 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 *Psalm XXIII* PAUL CRESTON

⊗ 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

For All The Saints

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Theme from "Finlandia"

SIBELIUS

PREACHER: Mr. Justin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Bob Maucher

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR: Elaine H. Simpson

ACCOMPANIST: Arlene Sokoloski

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

We are grateful to have Justin Chiarot, our pastoral intern, ministering the Word of God to us this morning.

The Fellowship Pot-Luck Luncheon will be held today after Worship. The second service will follow at 2:00PM.

While Pastor Chiarot is away, please send all prayer requests to Elder Steve Flewelling at shflewelling@gmail.com

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

Westminster is starting a Stephen Ministry. If you are interested in participating, please contact Jim Rutigliano 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 host 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.

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