

The Lord's Service

The Third Sunday of Easter

MAY 01, 2022



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

Andantino
Out of the Deep I Call To Thee

ADOLPH F. HESSE
HEALEY WILLAN

Please use the prelude as a time of silent preparation for the worship of the Triune God.

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

⊗ WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 32:

Q. What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?

A. **They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, sanctification, and the several benefits which, in this life, do either accompany or flow from them.**

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 139:1-6

Lord, you have searched me and known me!

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and all-knowing God, we are awed by your wondrous works, and overwhelmed by your infinite wisdom and intimate knowledge of us. For all your majesty we praise you; yet even more we rejoice that you do not forget us, but come for us in Jesus Christ, your incarnate wisdom, and our salvation. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. 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.

⌘ 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.

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.

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 139:1-18 *p. 681*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

ACTS 2:22-24; 4:23-28 *p. 1081, 1084*

PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 139

Lord, Thou Hast Searched Me

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GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 11:25-30 *p. 970*

RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON

God Only Wise

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

Were You There?

SPIRITUAL



⌘ 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

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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

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

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⌘ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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J. S. BACH / ARR. VAN D. THOMPSON

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Justin Chiarot

ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

God Only Wise

PSALM 139, ACTS 2 AND 4; MATT. 11

John Paul Sartre h_____ God's om_____.

1. Knowledge

God knows _____ there is to know in e_____ detail.

Psalm 139 embraces the present and the _____.

God's knowledge ___ God. What God h____; he ____.

There is no p____, p_____ or f_____ to God.

Thus, God has f_____.

God's knowledge is un_____.

God's knowledge is un_____, without any p_____.

God's knowledge is i_____.

God's knowledge is in_____ of the creature.

God knows by one et_____ act.

Things are and happen b_____ God knows them.

2. Will

In God, w_____ and i_____ are one.

His d_____ is God's eternal, flawlessly executed _____.

The decree flows from: "I am _____, there is _____ l_____ me."

The decree embraces all, even e_____ events.

We distinguish God's _____ will and his s_____ decree.

The omniscient God is unc_____ in his will.

3. Wisdom

God's wisdom is not distinct from his _____ or his k_____.

We see God's _____ in all his _____.

Christ is the _____ wisdom of God.

God's wisdom shines in the f_____ & w_____ of the c_____.

Missions Work Highlight

MYCHOICE PREGNANCY CENTER

New Windsor, NY

MyChoice provides free medical services and nonjudgmental support to women facing an unplanned pregnancy. We also provide education and referrals to help women meet medical, legal, financial and housing needs, as well as local transportation to one of our centers. We inform women of the facts and labor in prayer for them and the child in their womb.

The following case is a typical example of women who visit MyChoice: She came to the clinic to see how far along she was in her pregnancy. She has a seven year old child and the father of this pregnancy is encouraging her to have an abortion. She is also under financial strain because she no longer works as a full-time nurse. We pray for God to show her His plan for the life inside her.

We thank you for sharing in our mission to educate and support women. Your partnership over the years has engendered gratefulness. We are thankful to God for your prayers and support.

Announcements

There will be no Evening Service or Luncheon next Sunday, 5/08 (Mother's Day). The next luncheon will be a barbecue on June 12, following the Sunday School closing program.

At the upcoming congregational meeting, on Wednesday 5/18 at 7:00PM, the following candidates will stand for election: Deacon: Ed Timberger and Bill Cooke; Elder: Robert David.

Harold Vance has moved, his phone number is the same, but the address is now:
The Sentinel of Port Jervis
2247 Greenville Turnpike
Port Jervis, NY 12771

If you would let to send a card or a note to the Fick family the address is:
Lisa Fick
1502 Nutmeg Drive Carmel, N.Y. 10512
The email is: L.Fick@comcast.net

Pastor Chiarot is holding Sunday School class for inquirers or those interested in becoming members. The class will meet in the overflow room.

Compassion International serves children in poverty through 1 on 1 sponsorship. Joe Hall and Janis Berg will again be available today after the service at the Compassion Table downstairs. Stop by if you would like more information

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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Ron Bonagura (2022), Steve Flewelling (2022),
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