

The Lord's Service

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 23, 2020



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Liturgy in D Major
In Quietness and Confidence*

J. BLIED
J. S. BACH

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

ISAIAH 40:10-11

See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm.

His reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.

He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms

and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

599 (vv. 1, 2)

CONFESSION OF SINS

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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 735

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, your love for us is everlasting; you alone can turn the shadow of death into the brightness of the morning light. Help us to turn to you with believing hearts. In the stillness of this hour, speak to us of eternal things, so that, hearing the promises in scripture, we may have hope and be lifted above our distress into the peace of your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 40:9-11

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 PETER 5:1-4

✠ GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 20:20-28



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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 *How Bright These Glorious Spirits Shine!* 544 (vv. 1, 3)



CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Steve Flewelling (9:00AM)
Ron Bonagura (11:00AM)

ORGANIST: Neil Fick

Eschatological Elders

1 PETER 5:1-4

Peter never loses sight of the e_____.

1. Shepherding (verses 2-3)

Shepherding is rooted in the ministry of ____ himself.

Shepherding is a p_____ in God's own shepherding.

First thing needed: _____ for Christ. Must s_____ like sheep.

“Watching over” comes from the word for b_____.

Service should be f_____ and w_____.

The rulers of the Gentiles _____ it over them. ____ so with you.

We should be able to say: _____ me, as I _____ Christ.

2. Glory (verses 1 and 4)

Peter's is a ministry of w_____ to the c_____.

Suffering unto _____ is the h_____ of the book.

Peter is r_____ on the coming glory.

Christ & his salvation are r_____ at the s_____ coming.

Crown of glory: a crown which _____ of glory.

This is what is promised to the o_____ in Re_____.

In that day, the Lord Almighty will be a glorious _____.

They never fade way: the c_____ and the i_____.

They refer to: he possession of Christ in _____ glory.

All ministry lives by Christ's ap_____.

Do we have the f_____ of the eschaton st_____ upon us?

True love for Christ desires to g_____ upon his _____.

Missions Work Highlight

BRIAN & CARIN ROBERG

DISCIPLE MAKERS: MISSIONARIES TO COLLEGE CAMPUSES IN PENNSYLVANIA

“When you reach the campus, you reach the world”

Brian serves as Communications Director and leads the Media Dep’t. This is usually described as 1) Core activity of DM’s ministry is face to face connection with students 2) Media team’s purpose is to facilitate that core face to face connection by helping provide the layers of media-based communications surrounding the core. Since the Covid-19 pandemic, media-based communication has become even more central to the success of the ministry.

At DM we’ve found that 1 Peter 2:17 helps us to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic. We talk about it in 3 parts- Honor God, Honor governing authorities, Love our neighbors.

Announcements

It is with joy in Christ, the ascended head and king of the church, that today we install: Bob Maucher, Robert Van Gent, and James Phillips as ruling elders, and ordain and install Eric Moller and Paul Mowat as deacons.

Sunday School starts September 13th with the same distancing guidelines that are followed for worship services.

- We need two teachers for the 3-4 year old Preschool class, and two teachers for the 5 and 6 year old class.
- We also need one teacher for the 11-12 year old class. In addition, we need substitute teachers to cover throughout the year.

If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, please contact Brenda Grammer.

Scripture Texts

ISAIAH 40:9-11

⁹ You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, “Here is your God!”

¹⁰ See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.

¹¹ He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arm, and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

1 PETER 5:1-4

¹ To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ’s sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed:

² Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve;

³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

Scripture Texts, *continued*

MATTHEW 20:20-28

²⁰ Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him.

²¹ "What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom."

²² "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered.

²³ Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father."

²⁴ When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers.

²⁵ Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them.

²⁶ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,

²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—

²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. John 10:14

D A A⁷ D

1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten - der care;
 2. We are thine; do thou be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
 3. Thou hast prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
 4. Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor; ear - ly let us do thy will;

A A⁷ D

in thy pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre - pare:
 keep thy flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray:
 thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with thy love our bo - soms fill:

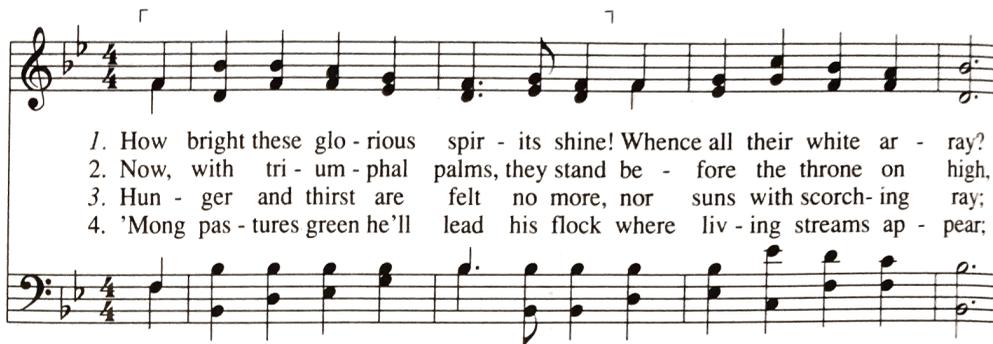
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 bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
 bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, let us ear - ly turn to thee;
 bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;

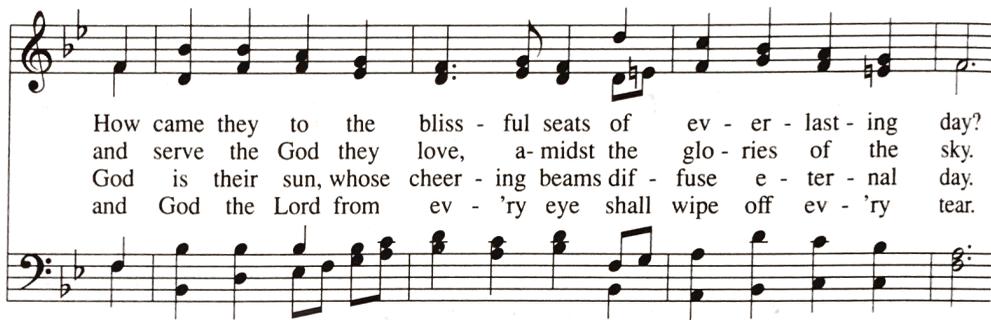
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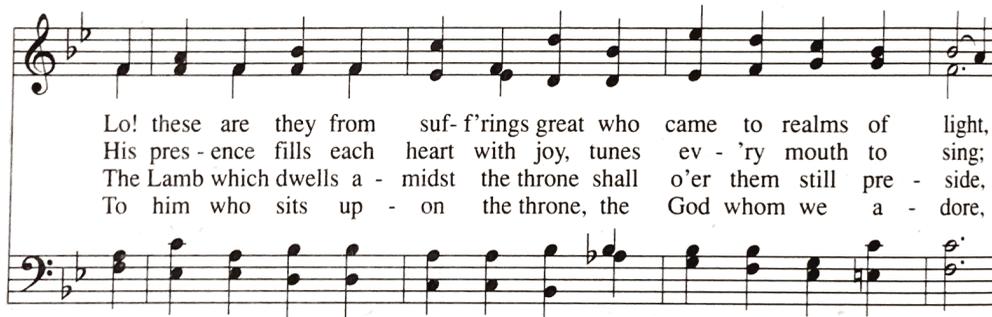
How Bright These Glorious Spirits Shine!

These in white robes—who are they? Rev. 7:13


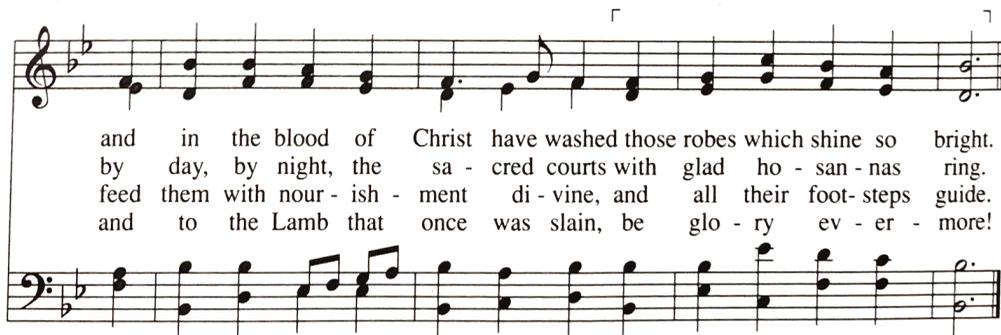
1. How bright these glo - rious spir - its shine! Whence all their white ar - ray?
 2. Now, with tri - um - phal palms, they stand be - fore the throne on high,
 3. Hun - ger and thirst are felt no more, nor suns with scorch - ing ray;
 4. 'Mong pas - tures green he'll lead his flock where liv - ing streams ap - pear;



How came they to the bliss - ful seats of ev - er - last - ing day?
 and serve the God they love, a - midst the glo - ries of the sky.
 God is their sun, whose cheer - ing beams dif - fuse e - ter - nal day.
 and God the Lord from ev - 'ry eye shall wipe off ev - 'ry tear.



Lo! these are they from suf - f' rings great who came to realms of light,
 His pres - ence fills each heart with joy, tunes ev - 'ry mouth to sing;
 The Lamb which dwells a - midst the throne shall o'er them still pre - side,
 To him who sits up - on the throne, the God whom we a - dore,



and in the blood of Christ have washed those robes which shine so bright.
 by day, by night, the sa - cred courts with glad ho - san - nas ring.
 feed them with nour - ish - ment di - vine, and all their foot - steps guide.
 and to the Lamb that once was slain, be glo - ry ev - er - more!

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

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.

Assistant Minister

The Reverend Mark D. Diedrich

Session (Ruling Elders, with Class Year)

Robert Van Gent (2022), Ron Bonagura (2022), Robert David (2021), Steve Flewelling (2021), James Phillips (2021), Bob Maucher (2023), Elder Emeritus: Neil Fick

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