

The Lord's Service

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 05, 2021



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE *St. Gabriel*

HEALEY WILLAN

Meditation on "Bread of Life"

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

1 TIMOTHY 6:17, 19

Let us not be haughty, or set our hopes on the uncertainty of riches,

but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

Thus storing up treasure for ourselves a good foundation for the future,

so that we may take hold of that which is truly life.

☒ PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you are rich in love for your people. Show us the treasure that endures and, when we are tempted by greed, remind us of your lavish mercy. Call us back into your service and make us worthy to be entrusted with the wealth that never fails. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

☒ HYMN OF PRAISE

Be Thou My Vision

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.
It is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.

You shall not make for yourself a graven image.
God is a spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool... Let what you say be simply Yes or No; anything more than this comes from evil.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath; so the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath.

Honor your father and your mother.
For God commanded, he who speaks evil of father or mother, let him surely die.

You shall not kill.
Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.

You shall not commit adultery.
Everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

You shall not steal.
For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery...theft...These are what defile a man.

You shall not bear false witness.
For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

You shall not covet.
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

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

DEUTERONOMY 15:7-11 *p. 187*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

JAMES 5:1-9 *p. 1201*

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 73 *In Sweet Communion, Lord, with Thee* 657

⊗ GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 6:19-24 *p. 964*

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

SERMON

Where Is Your Treasure?

⊗ 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

Ah, Holy Jesus

CRUGER

⊗ DOXOLOGY

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STANDING IF COMFORTABLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: **spoken, sung**

⊗ 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 *All for Jesus!* 565

⊗ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postlude in C* REGINALD MARTIN

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

Where Is Your Treasure?

MATTHEW 6:19-24

We see the priorities of the _____.

Calvin: a mad and i_____ desire for possessions.

The gospel of p_____ has infected us all.

1. A Single Treasure (vv. 19-21)

Jesus forbids e_____ treasures. P_____.

Laying up treasure is to be like the R_____ F_____.

Treasures on earth are ir_____.

Our w_____ l_____ are a laying up of treasure in heaven.

You cannot have treasure on _____ and in _____.

Luke: Sell your _____ and give to the poor.

In heaven: Our reward, in_____,

ci_____, af_____, and hope.

Jesus won't let us separate our _____ from our t_____.

It is a _____ choice: heaven or earth.

2. A Single Eye (vv. 22-23)

Here the eye is a metaphor for a person's _____.

One ____ seeks treasures in heaven; the other on earth.

Kierkegaard: Purity of heart is to _____ thing.

A single heavenly treasure requires a single _____ vision.

3. A Single Master (v. 24)

The word for serve in v.24: "be a s_____ to."

M_____ is viewed by Jesus as a rival m_____.

View your stuff as you will when you come to _____.

Missions Work Highlight

THE ROBERG FAMILY WITH DISCIPLEMAKERS

'Reaching the campus....Reaching the world'

Last year, at the beginning of the 2020 college school year, we provided resources and training for our staff using electronic media, like Instagram. And our 2020 October Fall Conference was held on-line. We praise God for the opportunities we had to connect with students despite pandemic related obstacles.

This year, many schools have already indicated that classes and activities will be held in-person this fall. Would you join with us in prayer for (1) those students who were lonely or isolated during the pandemic that God would encourage them and connect them to Christian community? Please pray also for (2) a renewal of community on our college campuses especially where meetings were heavily restricted this past year.

Thank you for your partnership with us in making disciples on college campuses in Pennsylvania!

Grace and peace,

Brian and Carin

Announcements

Stephen Ministry is a Christian service which equips the saints to care for one another, especially for those who are hurting. We are interested in starting a group here at WPC, but would need a leader willing to be trained. Currently, training is offered remotely. If you are interested please see Pastor Chiarot. For more information about Stephen Ministry see: <https://www.stephenministries.org/default.cfm>

There will be a Fellowship Barbecue on Sunday, September 12, 2021, following the Sunday School Opening. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. The congregation is asked to bring side dishes, salads and desserts. On this day the second service will follow the picnic at 2PM.

Officer nominations will be accepted through Sunday 9/12. Please prayerfully consider, in the light of 1 Timothy 3:1-13, who the Lord may be calling to serve his body. Signed nominations should be given to Jo-Anne Weber or brought to the office.

We are starting to collect donations for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. New items such as school supplies, toys, games, clothing, and hygiene items will be used in a shoebox packing party this fall. There are bins located in the Narthex and in the entrance downstairs. If you have any questions see Matthew or Shelley Harwood.

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).

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The Reverend Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

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The Reverend Mark D. Diedrich

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