

The Lord's Service

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*The Praises of Thy Wonders Lord
The Lord's My Shepherd*

ARR. HEALEY WILLAN
J. S. IRVINE/ARR. TODD KENDALL

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 PETER 5:6-7

Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God,

for in due time he shall exalt us.

Cast all your anxieties upon him,

because he cares for us.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Direct and help us, O Lord, in all our deeds, that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

All Creatures of Our God and King

115 (vv. 1, 5)

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



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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

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

PSALM 55:1-23

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 PETER 5:5-11



GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 6:25-34



RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

⊗ 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Robert Zion Chiarot*** 11:00AM Service*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

(not collected, brought up by deacons)

⊗ DOXOLOGY

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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 *Christian, Dost Thou See Them* 574 (vv. 1, 3)

☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

☒ POSTLUDE *Majestic Postlude* MARK L. WILLIAMS

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Steve Flewelling (9:00AM)
Robert Van Gent (11:00AM)

ORGANIST: Elaine Simpson

Grace and Glory

1 PETER 5:5-11

1. Humility (vv. 5-7)

“In the _____ way” links to what has gone _____.

Humility is the im_____ of C_____.

Humility doesn’t just _____, you have to p____ it ____.

There is a _____ need for humility.

We need the b_____ -b_____ spirit of the p_____.

“Due time” is u_____ the End.

On anxiety, Peter is echoing P_____.

Anxiety is a s_____; a kind of f_____.

H_____ your anxiety onto God.

2. Resistance (vv. 8-9)

Sobriety is needed since the _____ is on the p_____.

Though defeated, the powers are d_____.

We should consider h_____ as part of the _____ of God.

Not called to d_____ the adversary; _____ has done that.

He is a mortally wounded, t_____ lion.

The roaring lion has been defeated by the _____ of _____.

The church has a s_____ in suffering.

3. Glory (vv. 10 and 11).

The God of all _____ calls us to _____ glory.

The great _____ is the _____ of God himself.

Suffering for a “little while” means the w_____ a_____.

In suffering, the Spirit of _____ rests on us.

The God of all grace will soon crush _____ under your feet.

Missions Work Highlight

LYDIA CENTER IN MACEDONIA

Lydia's goal is to promote a moral life, the right of a woman to choose to give birth to a child, and the right of a child to be born. Abortion is NOT an option. Lydia focuses on prevention, education, family life, raising and educating children. Our goal is to promote and develop moral and spiritual values based on the Bible.

Pray for the lives of the unborn, so precious in God's sight, for increased cultural acceptance of adoption, and for special protection over the marriages of those who work in life-affirming ministry all across the globe.

Announcements

Today it is our joy to baptize Robert Zion Chiarot!

We will be deferring Sunday School until January. Teachers are still needed. Please see Brenda Grammer if you are willing to serve.

The Fellowship Committee is requesting donations of boxed or wrapped cookies, crackers, cheeses, biscotti, muffins, granola bars, etc. for the Fellowship Coffee Times following each service. Nothing homemade at this time. Donations can be left in the kitchen.

Scripture Texts

PSALM 55:1-23

- ¹ Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea;
- ² hear me and answer me. My thoughts trouble me and I am distraught
- ³ because of what my enemy is saying, because of the threats of the wicked; for they bring down suffering on me and assail me in their anger.
- ⁴ My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen on me.
- ⁵ Fear and trembling have beset me; horror has overwhelmed me.
- ⁶ I said, “Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away and be at rest.
- ⁷ I would flee far away and stay in the desert;
- ⁸ I would hurry to my place of shelter, far from the tempest and storm.”
- ⁹ Lord, confuse the wicked, confound their words, for I see violence and strife in the city.
- ¹⁰ Day and night they prowl about on its walls; malice and abuse are within it.
- ¹¹ Destructive forces are at work in the city; threats and lies never leave its streets.
- ¹² If an enemy were insulting me, I could endure it; if a foe were rising against me, I could hide.
- ¹³ But it is you, a man like myself, my companion, my close friend,
- ¹⁴ with whom I once enjoyed sweet fellowship at the house of God, as we walked about among the worshippers.
- ¹⁵ Let death take my enemies by surprise; let them go down alive to the realm of the dead, for evil finds lodging among them.
- ¹⁶ As for me, I call to God, and the Lord saves me.
- ¹⁷ Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and he hears my voice.
- ¹⁸ He rescues me unharmed from the battle waged against me, even though many oppose me.
- ¹⁹ God, who is enthroned from of old, who does not change— he will hear them and humble them, because they have no fear of God.
- ²⁰ My companion attacks his friends; he violates his covenant.
- ²¹ His talk is smooth as butter, yet war is in his heart; his words are more soothing than oil, yet they are drawn swords.
- ²² Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.
- ²³ But you, God, will bring down the wicked into the pit of decay; the bloodthirsty and deceitful will not live out half their days. But as for me, I trust in you.

Scripture Texts, *continued*

1 PETER 5:5-11

- ⁵ In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”
- ⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.
- ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
- ⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.
- ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.
- ¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.
- ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

MATTHEW 6:25-34

- ²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?”
- ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?
- ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?
- ²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.
- ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.
- ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?
- ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’
- ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.
- ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

All Creatures of Our God and King

All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you. Ps. 145:10

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and
 2. Thou rush - ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in
 3. Thou flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for thy
 4. And all ye men of ten - der heart, for - giv - ing oth - ers,
 5. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in

with us sing al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou burn - ing
 heav'n a - long, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Thou ris - ing
 • Lord to hear, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Thou fire so
 take your part, O sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long
 hum - ble - ness, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the

sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam,
 morn in praise re - joice, ye lights of eve - ning, find a voice,
 • mas - ter - ful and bright, that giv - est man both warmth and light,
 pain and sor - row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir - it, three in one,

O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia,

Christian, Dost Thou See Them

Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. Eph. 6:11

1. Chris - tian, dost thou see them on the ho - ly ground,
 2. Chris - tian, dost thou feel them, how they work with - in,
 3. Chris - tian, dost thou hear them, how they speak thee fair?
 4. Hear the words of Je - sus: "O my ser - vant true;

how the pow'rs of dark - ness rage thy steps a - round?
 striv - ing, tempt - ing, lur - ing, goad - ing in - to sin?
 "Al - ways fast and vig - il? Al - ways watch and prayer?"
 thou art ver - y wea - ry— I was wea - ry too;

Faster
 Chris - tian, up and smite them, count - ing gain but loss,
 Chris - tian, nev - er trem - ble; nev - er be down - cast;
 Chris - tian, an - swer bold - ly, "While I breathe I pray!"
 but that toil shall make thee some day all mine own,

in the strength that com - eth by the ho - ly cross.
 gird thee for the bat - tle, watch and pray and fast.
 Peace shall fol - low bat - tle, night shall end in day.
 and the end of sor - row shall be near my throne."

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).

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The Reverend Mark D. Diedrich

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