

The Lord's Service

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

Quiet Prelude on Bountiful

FRANKLIN D. ASHDOWN

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

NEUMARK / WILSON

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 2:

Q. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

JAMES 2:12-13; ROMANS 15:7

Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom,
because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful.

Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Therefore welcome one another, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment and light rises in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do; that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; 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

Jesus, with Thy Church Abide

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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.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠ THE PEACE

✠ 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

God of mercy, your faithfulness to your covenant frees us to live together in the security of your powerful love. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises by living in faith and obedience; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 SAMUEL 12:1-15 *p. 309*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

ROMANS 14:1-12 *P. 1127*

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

⌘ GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 7:1-6 P. 965

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

SERMON *On Judgment*

⌘ 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 *Meditation on "Something for Thee"* JACK C. GOODE

⌘ 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

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Aria del Sigr. Hasse

J. A. HASSE

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Adam Kuliszewski

ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

On Judgment

MATT. 7:1-6

Goal: the p_____ of our Father, m_____ in the Son.

1. Judging Others (vv. 1-2)

What's not in view: d_____ good from evil.

The text is a _____ against those who judge.

What is in view: a pe_____ form of judgment.

The person assumes a posture of c_____.

This is d_____ for such a one will ___ judged by _____.

Paul forbids this in R_____ chapter ____.

This betrays a lack of trust in the e_____ judgment.

God will deal with us as we have t_____ o_____.

2. Correcting Brothers (vv. 3-5)

This judging comes from a complete lack of p_____.

We ex_____ others' sins and min_____ our own.

We think we should be the e___ s_____ for our brethren.

An example: D_____ response to the parable of N_____.

To see ourselves aright we need: W_____ and S_____.

Sound judgment is ___ f_____.

This kind of correction is outlined in _____ chapter ____.

3. Sharing with the Hostile (v. 6)

In our generosity toward others we must still be d_____.

What is holy is the g_____ of the k_____.

Dogs & pigs used of false teachers: 2 _____ chapter ____.

These are people we should ___ share the_____ with.

Spurgeon: we are not to be s_____.

Can we pray: _____ me, O God, as I have _____ others?

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

We encourage families to take the catechism-focused workbook entitled "Understanding the Faith" for use with their children. You can find it in the narthex on the way out of the service.

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>

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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