

The Lord's Service

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 03, 2021



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Prelude in E flat Major
O Jesus, Thou Art Standing*

C. A. KERN
VAN D. THOMPSON

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 4:

Q. What is God?

A. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

MATTHEW 7:13-14

Wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction,
and many enter through it.

Small is the gate and narrow is the road that leads to life
and only a few find it.

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to enter the narrow road, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life in the kingdom of God; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

“Take Up Your Cross,” the Savior Said

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, grant us true repentance unto life, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

⊗ 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

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

DEUTERONOMY 30:15-20 *p. 203*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

ACTS 4:1-12 *p. 1083*

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 1 *That Man Is Blest Who, Fearing God* 558

⊗ GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 7:13-14 *p. 965*

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

SERMON *Two Roads, Two Destinies, Two Peoples*

⊗ 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

Meditation on "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

JOHN BARR



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

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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

Lead On, O King Eternal

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⊗ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude in D

C. H. RINCK

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Bob Maucher

ORGANIST: Elaine H Simpson

Two Roads, Two Destinies, Two Peoples

MATT. 7:13-14

Here we have a s_____ to d_____.

1. The Roads

This is an i_____, a command.

Choices preclude all other _____.

You are b____ on the broad and _____ way.

\The broad highway has wonderful C_____ lanes on it.

The b_____ are the side-posts for the _____ gate.

We will pay any _____ to get on this road.

2. The Destinies

This road is from the one who comes to k____ & to d_____.

This language is echoed in Psalm ____.

The narrow way should not create n_____ people.

The narrow way brings us into a s_____ place.

It creates c_____ of heart and mind.

3. The Peoples

The broad way has _____ travelers.

The narrow road has _____ that find it.

Many are _____, but few are _____.

The Father gives the kingdom to his _____ flock.

On how many are s_____: two s_____ of teaching in tension.

The text is meant to d_____ us out of our co_____.

Missions Work Highlight

REDEEMER BROADCASTING

In the Newburgh-Beacon Area, heard on 102.5 FM, and 90.3 FM

Redeemer Broadcasting is an evangelically reformed radio ministry which began in the Hudson Valley in 2004. We play calm Christian music and teaching that emphasizes the historic Christian faith. Westminster's full church service is heard each Sunday. Our board of directors and some of our advisors came from this church.

Digital listening options include computer streaming, internet radio, and the "Redeemer Broadcasting" smart phone app. The Lord has blessed us with growth into a small network of stations covering the Mid-Hudson Valley, Northern New Jersey, and Southern Maryland. Listeners contact us daily with testimonials. During the pandemic, many received encouragement and companionship during the unusual times of isolation. Dan and Deb Elmendorf would like to express their sincerest thanks for the sacrificial and generous role our Westminster church family has played in helping them carry on this kingdom work.

Announcements

Please send prayer requests for the month of October to Steve Flewelling at shflewelling@gmail.com

The annual Life Chain will take place today, October 3, on route 211 in Middletown from 2-3:30pm — making a public, prayerful, peaceful witness against legalized abortion. The Life Chain usually extends from the Galleria at Crystal Run and ends at ShopRite on 211.

- We will be standing in two locations on Route 211. In front of Boston Market with Chapel Field teachers and students (this is a better location for younger children set back from the road), or just further west in front of Sonic Restaurant at the traffic light. The Orange County Right to Life group distributes signs to hold during the Life Chain, sharing a unified message. Bring a lawn chair if needed.

There will be a Fellowship Pasta Luncheon on 10/10/21. The Fellowship Committee will provide the pasta and breads. The congregation is asked to bring their favorite sauces (plain, meatballs, sausage, etc.), salads, side dishes and desserts.

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

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| Worship | 10:00AM |
| Sunday School (<i>Sept–June</i>) | 11:45 AM |
| Sunday Evening Service | 6:00 PM |

Westminster Kingston

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| 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

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Elder Emeritus: Neil Fick

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