

The Lord's Service

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 18, 2020



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

Send Out Thy Light

CH. GOUNOD

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

HEBREWS 8:10

God says: I will put my laws in their minds,
and write them on their hearts,
and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, author and giver of all good things, plant in our hearts the love of your name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

O Love of God, How Strong and True

81 (vv. 1, 4)

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, 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



GLORIA PATRI

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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

Soliloquy For Organ

NEIL FICK

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

SONG OF SOLOMON 8:5-7

NEW TESTAMENT READING

HEBREWS 8:1-13



GOSPEL READING

LUKE 5:33-39



RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON

Love as Strong as Death

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

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 *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* 647 (vv. 1, 4)



CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

PREACHER: Mr. Justin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Bob Maucher (9:00AM)
Robert Van Gent (11:00AM)

ORGANIST: Neil Fick

Missions Work Highlight

ALL 4 JESUS MINISTRIES

ADAM GORDON– MISSIONARY TO COLLEGE CAMPUSES IN THE HUDSON VALLEY

Please PRAY for the student ministry at SUNY New Paltz and OCCC. Physical meetings are not allowed but they are running five virtual Bible studies through zooming technology. SUNY New Paltz has allowed conduct in person on campus outreaches using social distancing methods. Even with the limited ability for outreach they are still reaching new students from both Christian and non Christian backgrounds.

The street ministry is finishing up the Fall Blitz. Evangelistic outreaches have been conducted in the cities of Poughkeepsie and Newburgh and towns of New Paltz and Pawling. PRAY for the Lord of the harvest to bring fruit from those efforts. Looking ahead to future evangelistic outreach and praying for more people to join them.

Announcements

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Justin Chiarot to minister the Word of God to us this morning. Justin has been licensed to preach the gospel by the NY State Presbytery.

Officer Nominations for 2021: Please prayerfully consider those who can serve in the coming year. Give sheets to an elder or Jo-Anne Weber. Also, please do not discuss your nomination with the person nominated. The Session will, if appropriate, check on their willingness 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.

Shoebboxes for Operation Christmas Child are available in the Narthex and also in the entrance to the new building. There is also a bin in the Narthex if you would like to donate individual items. Shoebboxes are due back at church on Sunday, November 22. If you have any questions, contact Matthew or Shelley Harwood.

Scripture Texts

SONG OF SOLOMON 8:5-7

- ⁵ Who is this coming up from the wilderness leaning on her beloved? Under the apple tree I roused you; there your mother conceived you, there she who was in labor gave you birth.
- ⁶ Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy^[a] unyielding as the grave. It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame.
- ⁷ Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot sweep it away. If one were to give all the wealth of one's house for love, it would be utterly scorned.

HEBREWS 8:1-13

- ¹ Now the main point of what we are saying is this: We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven,
- ² and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by a mere human being.
- ³ Every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices, and so it was necessary for this one also to have something to offer.
- ⁴ If he were on earth, he would not be a priest, for there are already priests who offer the gifts prescribed by the law.
- ⁵ They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain."
- ⁶ But in fact the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, since the new covenant is established on better promises.
- ⁷ For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another.
- ⁸ But God found fault with the people and said: "The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.
- ⁹ It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord.
- ¹⁰ This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.
- ¹¹ No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.
- ¹² For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."
- ¹³ By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear.

Scripture Texts, *continued*

LUKE 5:33-39

- ³³ They said to him, “John’s disciples often fast and pray, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours go on eating and drinking.”
- ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while he is with them?”
- ³⁵ But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; in those days they will fast.”
- ³⁶ He told them this parable: “No one tears a piece out of a new garment to patch an old one. Otherwise, they will have torn the new garment, and the patch from the new will not match the old.
- ³⁷ And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine will burst the skins; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined.
- ³⁸ No, new wine must be poured into new wineskins.
- ³⁹ And no one after drinking old wine wants the new, for they say, “The old is better.””

O Love of God, How Strong and True

I pray that you ... may have power ... to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge. Eph. 3:17-19

Introduction Am⁷ A⁷ D Bm Am⁹ F⁹

Unison C F C F

1. O love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
 2. O heav'n-ly love, how pre - cious still, in days of
 3. We read you best in him who came to bear for
 4. O love of God, our shield and stay through all the

C Am⁷ F C Am⁷

and yet ev - er new, un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
 wea - ri - ness and ill, in nights of pain and help - less -
 us the cross of shame; sent by the Fa - ther from on
 per - ils of our way! E - ter - nal love, in you we

F#dim Em Am⁷ Em D C Dm A

bought, be - yond all knowl - edge and all thought! O love of
 ness, to heal, to com - fort, and to bless! O wide - cm -
 high, our life to live, our death to die. We read your
 rest, for - ev - er safe, for - ev - er blest. We will ex -

Dm⁷ Gm Dm G F C

God, how deep and great, far deep - er than man's deep - est
 brac - ing, won - drous love! We read you in the sky a -
 pow'r to bless and save, e'en in the dark - ness of the
 all you, God and King, and we will ev - er praise your

F C Dm⁷ G⁷ C F

hate; self - fed, self - kin - dled like the light, change-less, e -
 above, we read you in the earth be - low, in seas that
 grave; still more in res - ur - rec - tion light we read the
 name; we will ex - tol - you ev - 'ry day, and ev - er -

Interlude C Am⁷ A⁷ D Bm Am⁹ F⁹

ter - nal, in - fi - nite.
 swell, and streams that flow.
 ful - ness of your might.
 more your praise pro - claim.

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

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Your name is like perfume poured out. Song of Sol. 1:3

1. How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear!
2. It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole, and calms the trou - bled breast;
3. Dear Name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hid - ing place,
4. Je - sus, my Shep - herd, Broth - er, Friend, my Proph - et, Priest, and King,

It soothes his sor - rows, heals his wounds, and drives a - way his fear.
'tis man - na to the hun - gry soul, and to the wea - ry rest.
my nev - er - fail - ing trea - s'ry filled with bound - less stores of grace;
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, ac - cept the praise I bring.

5. Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

6. Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.

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 Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

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The Reverend Mark D. Diedrich

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