

The Lord's Service

The Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 30, 2022



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

Please use the prelude as a time of silent preparation for the worship of the Triune God.

GREETING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

⊗ WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 58:

Q. What is required in the fourth commandment?

A. **The fourth commandment requireth the keeping holy to God such set times as He hath appointed in His Word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy Sabbath to Himself.**

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 116:12-13

What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord!

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our Redeemer,
you have delivered us from death in the resurrection of Jesus Christ
and brought us to new life by the power of your Spirit.
Give us grace to keep our promises
to praise and serve you all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON



By the mercies of God, present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
Holy and acceptable to God, which is our fitting service.

Do not be conformed to this age,
But be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

That by testing you may discern what is the will of God,

What is good and acceptable and mature.

Let no one think of himself more highly than he ought,

But think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith God has provided.

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;

Hold fast to what is good.

Love one another with brotherly affection.

Outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not be slothful in zeal,

Be fervent in the Spirit, serving the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,

Be constant in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints,

And seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you.

Bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice,

Weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another;

Do not be haughty,

But associate with the lowly and never be conceited.

Repay no one evil for evil,

But give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves,

But give place to the wrath of God.

For it stands written:

“Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord”

To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him;

If he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

For by doing so you will heap burning coals on his head.”

Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.

⊗ THE PEACE

THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Tillie Falcone

⊗ 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of life, your Spirit raised Jesus from the dead. Your Spirit inspired the prophets and writers of Scripture. Send your Spirit now to give us light, encouragement, faith, and hope through the proclamation of the everlasting gospel. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING PSALM 116 *p. 604*

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 CORINTHIANS 10:14-22 *p. 1138*

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 95 *O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord* 13

⊗ GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 20:20-28 *p. 981*

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

SERMON *Three Cups*

⊗ 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

⊗ DOXOLOGY 731

⊗ 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 *A Parting Hymn We Sing* 431

⊗ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot
WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David
ORGANIST: Marilyn Hollwegs

Three Cups

PSALM 116

This Psalm is part of the E_____ H_____ Psalms.

1. The First Cup

The Psalmist cried out to God and was d_____.

We r_____ thanks to God for his b_____ to us.

The cup of God's _____ o_____ to us.

2. The Second Cup

James and John are theologians of g_____.

Jesus replies: Can you _____ the ____ I am going to drink?

The second cup refers to the h_____ he is soon to suffer.

The cup of his p_____ is the cup of God's w_____.

This cup makes the cup at the table the cup of s_____.

3. The Third Cup

This cup is a _____ with the _____ of Christ.

The cup of salvation is the cup of t_____.

E_____ means thanksgiving.

Three cups: go_____, gr_____, gr_____.

A spiritual ob_____ of all possible praise to God.

The Psalm is set in the context of p_____ worship.

Lifting up the cup of salvation and _____ go hand in hand.

The Supper fulfills the vows of b_____.

The word "sacrament" originally meant o_____.

The Creed is a p_____ to live and _____ in the faith.

Verse 15 is quite possibly about m_____.

Jesus: you ____ drink my cup.

Missions Work Highlight

STEPHEN SPANJER

With "One by One International" in Neuenburg Germany

At the Neuenburg International Church, Germany, where I pastor, 60+ people meet every Sunday. The addition of the Moore family, as Assistant Pastors, is going well. God willing our plans for the future are to start another church in a town nearby. We pray for wisdom regarding this.

The Ambassadors, a group from the U.S., kicked off a whirlwind of evangelistic outreach events and activities this summer. They shared Christ with the young men and women here. And my nephew, Jake Spanjer did a great job in the 3 months he was here reaching out to the young people in our community. His presence will be missed.

My wife Laura and I enjoyed our visit to New York recently. It was good to see the people of Westminster Church and it was a privilege to share my heart about the 'Mission' of each Christian regardless where they are planted. As I mentioned, when I was with you the evening of August 7th, we stand on your shoulders!

Announcements

It is our joy to receive Tillie Falcone into membership at Westminster this morning!

Fellowship is in need of donations, either sweet or savory, homemade or store bought, to supplement the Coffee Hour. All donations should be dropped off in the kitchen.

We are in need of Nursery volunteers. Please sign up in the nursery if you can help.

This evening at 7PM, all are invited to the Reformation Day service at Hudson Valley United Reformed Church, 1043 Lower Road, New Hampton, NY. There will be no evening service at WPC.

We will be restarting our church plant (previously the Kingston church) in Ulster County beginning on 11/6. The group will meet at the Plattekill Public Library located at 2047 NY-32 in Modena, NY. Worship is at 11 AM. Justin Chiarot, who is licensed to preach by the NY State Presbytery, will be the stated pulpit supply. If you are interested in this work please see Justin or Pastor Chiarot. We ask that you please keep this endeavor in prayer.

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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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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