

The Lord's Service

Christ the King

NOVEMBER 22, 2020



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

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 MARK 11: 9-10
 Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY
 Almighty and everlasting God, whose will is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King: Grant that the people of earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE *O Worship the King* 2 (vv. 1, 6)

CONFESSION OF SINS

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for the nations. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor. We do not walk in righteousness. We do not strive for holiness and peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

JONAH 4:1-11

NEW TESTAMENT READING

PHILIPPIANS 1:12-18A



GOSPEL READING

LUKE 19:37-44



RESPONSE

**The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.**

SERMON

Anger and Pity

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 *Jesus Sinners Doth Receive* 473 (vv. 1, 4)

☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

☒ POSTLUDE

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Bob Maucher (9:00AM)
Steve Flewelling (11:00AM)

ORGANIST: Neil Fick

Anger and Pity

JONAH 4:1-11

1. God (verses 1-4)

Nineveh's repentance was ex_____ e_____ to Jonah.
 Jonah is the _____ brother in the parable of the prodigal son.
 Everybody loves to see j_____ done on _____ else.
 Jonah has gone from g_____ to s_____.
 Our repentance can be sh_____ and sh_____-_____.
 We forget that we _____ by the righteousness of Christ _____.
 His legitimate p_____ has become d_____.
 Jonah paints a s_____ and di_____ picture of God.
 Scripture should h_____ and b_____ us.
 God _____ must be the fountain of ___ in our lives.
 For Jonah, unjust _____ leads to d_____.

2. The Plant (verses 5-9)

Jonah was still hoping for _____ to fall on Nineveh.
 He is ___ under the _____ in more ways than one.
 God uses all of _____ as a c_____.
 Don't get tangled up in the l_____ no_____ of life.
 We are _____ and _____ is all of us.

3. Pity (verses 10 and 11)

God is a _____ to the brutal city of Nineveh.
 God generously sees them as s_____ without a s_____.
 God pities, not just the wicked, but the _____ of the wicked.
 The God who loves the wicked city is u_____ in Jesus Christ.
 Unlike us, God does not merely p_____ the p_____.
 The mystery of mercy and justice is resolved at the _____.

Missions Work Highlight

REDEEMER BROADCASTING

IN THE NEWBURG-BEACON AREA, HEARD ON 90.3FM AND 102.5FM.

Redeemer Broadcasting is an evangelically reformed radio ministry which began in the Hudson Valley in 2004 in a basement. 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 smart phone apps. 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 have received encouragement and companionship during these 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

On **11/29** there will be a very **brief congregational meeting** for the election of Jim Rutigliano as deacon. The meeting will be between services at 10:30 AM in the sanctuary

Thanksgiving offering: This week we will be accepting offerings that support church planting efforts in multi-ethnic or economically challenged neighborhoods. If you wish to donate, please make checks payable to Westminster and mark in the notation "P C A Thanksgiving Offering."

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.

Shoeboxes 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. Shoeboxes are due back at church on Sunday, November 22. If you have any questions, contact Matthew or Shelley Harwood.

Scripture Texts

JONAH 4:1-11

- ¹ But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry.
- ² He prayed to the Lord, “Isn’t this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.
- ³ Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.”
- ⁴ But the Lord replied, “Is it right for you to be angry?”
- ⁵ Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city.
- ⁶ Then the Lord God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant.
- ⁷ But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered.
- ⁸ When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah’s head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, “It would be better for me to die than to live.”
- ⁹ But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?” “It is,” he said. “And I’m so angry I wish I were dead.”
- ¹⁰ But the Lord said, “You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight.
- ¹¹ And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?”

Scripture Texts, *continued*

PHILIPPIANS 1:12-18A

¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel.

¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ.

¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

¹⁵ It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill.

¹⁶ The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel.

¹⁷ The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains.

¹⁸ But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

LUKE 19:37-44

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

⁴⁰ “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

⁴¹ As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it

⁴² and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes.

⁴³ The days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side.

⁴⁴ They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”

O Worship the King

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

1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
 2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
 4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the

5. sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the
 light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
 6. pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a
 air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -

7. An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 change-less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 8. scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
 your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!
6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
 While angels delight to hymn you above,
 the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
 with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

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This man welcomes sinners and eats with them. Luke 15:2

1. "Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive": word of sur - est con - so - la - tion;
 2. On God's grace we have no claim, yet to us his pledge is giv - en;
 3. When a help - less lamb doth stray, af - ter it, the Shep - herd, press - ing
 4. Oh, how blest it is to know: were as scar - let my trans - gres - sion,
 5. Now my con - science is at peace, from the Law I stand ac - quit - ted;

word all sor - row to re - lieve, word of par - don, peace, sal - va - tion!
 he hath sworn by his own name, o - pen are the gates of heav - en.
 • thro' each dark and dan - g'rous way, brings it back, his own pos - sess - ing.
 it shall be as white as snow by thy blood and bit - ter pas - sion;
 Christ hath pur - chased my re - lease and my ev - ery sin re - mit - ted.

Naught like this can com - fort give: "Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive."
 Take to heart this word and live: "Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive."
 • Je - sus seeks thee, O be - lieve: "Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive."
 for these words I now be - lieve: "Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive."
 Naught re - mains my soul to grieve— "Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive."

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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