

# The Lord's Service

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*The Second Sunday of Advent*

DECEMBER 08, 2019



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

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

⌘ WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

Q26. How doth Christ execute the office of a king?

**Christ executeth the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.**

⌘ CALL TO WORSHIP

2 PETER 3:13

In accordance with God's promise we are waiting  
**for a new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.**

⌘ PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of our salvation, you straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin. Keep our conduct blameless, keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near; your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

⌘ HYMN OF PRAISE

*Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*

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CONFESSION OF SINS

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not sought or expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, we excuse our sins, and fail to love our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek the things that will endure, when Christ comes to judge the world. 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

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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

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

GIARDINI/ARR. INGRAM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of love and power, you are revealed to us in your Word, in accounts of prophecy and fulfillment that direct us to Jesus Christ. Illumine us now as we hear your Word proclaimed, that we may open our hearts to him, yearn for his coming in glory, and serve him with joy. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

DANIEL 4:28-37

NEW TESTAMENT READING

JAMES 2:1-10

☒ HYMN OF PREPARATION     *Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord*     26

☒ GOSPEL READING     LUKE 1:39-55

☒ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord  
Praise be to God.

SERMON

*Magnificat*

☒ 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





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

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Steve Flewelling

ORGANIST: Neil Fick

HANDBELL DIRECTOR: Elaine H Simpson

# Announcements

## Greeters

*This Week:* Ron & Karin Bonagura

*Next Week:* Jason & Beth Wendell

## Nursery Workers

*This Week:* M. Kuliszewski/ D. Menhart

*Next Week:* R. Bonagura/ J. Chiarot

## Service Assistants

*This Week:* E. Weber, M. Kniffin,

S. David, E. Timberger

*Next Week:* J. Schlegel, M. Kniffin,

E. Timberger, T. Elmendorf

## Deacon of the Month

Matt Kniffin

**Weekly Sunday Morning Prayer:** 9:20AM in the library. Join us to pray for the worship and work of WPC.

**Proclaim** – On the First Sunday of every month the beginning of both Sunday School classes will be dedicated to praying for outreach opportunities. All are encouraged to join us.

Pastor Chiarot's sermons may be heard on Redeemer Broadcasting at 11:00AM and 5:00PM every Sunday on frequencies 90.3 FM and 102.5 FM. They are also available on iTunes and on our website.

If you would like to meet with Pastor Chiarot, please connect with him in person or contact the church office.

Evening Service at 6:00PM.

**Today – Fellowship Luncheon.** Congregation should bring main dishes, salads, desserts to share. Second service 2:00PM.

**12/22** – At 11:45AM we will have a program called **Seeing and Hearing the Carols**. This will be a different look at some of the familiar Christmas carols. Come see and hear.

**12/24 – Christmas Eve Candle Light Service** 7:30PM.

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## REDEEMER BROADCASTING

WHVC 102.5 FM AND 90.3 FM

*Christian Radio for the Hudson Valley*

Redeemer Broadcasting, hosts our church worship service each Sunday 11 am and 5 pm, along with other reformed programming and calm music. You can find promotional literature in the Narthex. Finances continue to be tight. As we enter Advent, let us thank God for this radio ministry and prayerfully consider your financial support. A great opportunity exists of a matching grant for first-time donations till year's end. Please help this small, local radio network meet budget and spread the gospel message of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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## Magnificat

LUKE 1:39-55

Don't throw the \_\_\_\_\_ out with the \_\_\_\_\_.

**1. The Visit (verses 39-45)**

For John, the \_\_\_\_\_ is a p\_\_\_\_\_.

Elizabeth makes the first confession that \_\_\_\_\_ is L\_\_\_\_\_.

One person in two natures in em\_\_\_\_\_ form.

Elizabeth shows the m\_\_\_\_\_ w\_\_\_\_\_ in honoring Mary.

**2. The Song (verses 46-55)**

This is the first of four n\_\_\_\_\_ hymns in Luke's gospel.

A radical me\_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

The word for glorify/magnifies is M\_\_\_\_\_.

Mary's God is i\_\_\_\_\_; her vision is broad and d\_\_\_\_\_.

God is \_\_\_\_\_ in Mary's vision because she is \_\_\_\_\_ in her sight.

Chesterton: Satan fell by the force of \_\_\_\_\_.

Her world opens into the \_\_\_\_\_ g\_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Mary's perpetual blessedness is not h\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ is not a zero-sum game.

God e\_\_\_\_\_ those who \_\_\_\_\_ him.

The power of God manifested in her p\_\_\_\_\_.

"He has" means it is as \_\_\_\_\_ as d\_\_\_\_\_.

She is a visionary of the u\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom.

God scatters the \_\_\_\_\_ through the \_\_\_\_\_.

Blessed are the \_\_\_\_\_ for theirs is the kingdom of God.

Mary is a woman of th\_\_\_\_\_ d\_\_\_\_\_.

Mary reappears in \_\_\_\_\_ chapter 12.

When \_\_\_\_\_ t is complete, we will be revealed in \_\_\_\_\_.

## 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!

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### Westminster Stated Services

Worship	10:00 AM
Sunday School	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).

### Senior Minister

The Reverend Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

### Assistant Minister

The Reverend Mark D. Diedrich

### Session (Ruling Elders)

Mike Bonagura, Ron Bonagura, Robert David,  
Steve Flewelling, James Phillips, Dave Reiss  
Elder Emeritus: Neil Fick

### Board of Deacons

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