

The Lord's Service

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 01, 2019



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

JOHN BARR

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

PSALM 29:2-4

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;
Worship the Lord in holy splendor.
The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
The God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful;
The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, you proclaimed Jesus, the Word made flesh, your beloved Son, and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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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, 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.

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 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 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

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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

Almighty and gracious Father, our whole salvation depends upon a true understanding of your holy Word. Grant that our hearts, being freed from worldly affairs, may hear and apprehend your holy Word with all diligence and faith, that we may rightly understand your gracious will, cherish it, and live by it with all earnestness, to thy praise and honor; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 SAMUEL 9:1-9, 14-21, 27-10:16

NEW TESTAMENT READING

COLOSSIANS 1:24-29

⊗ HYMN OF PREPARATION *Holy Bible, Book Divine* 137

⊗ GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 21:1-11

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

SERMON *Donkeys Sought; A Kingdom Found*

⊗ THE NICENE CREED 846

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *From Deepest Woe I Cry to Thee* ROBERT M. SPEED

⊗ DOXOLOGY 731
*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.

COMMUNION

Only outside ring of Communion tray contains grape juice.

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

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

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☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot
WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

Announcements

Greeters

This Week: Sara & Clay Clement

Next Week: S. Volk

Nursery Workers

This Week: K. Spanjer/Karin Bonagura

Next Week: J. Reiss / E. Felts

Service Assistants

This Week: E. Weber, S. David,

J. Schlegel, J. Grammer

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Deacon of the Month

S. David

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

Pastor Chiarot's sermons may be heard on Redeemer Broadcasting at 11:00AM and 5:00PM every Sunday. The frequencies are 90.3 FM and 102.5 FM.

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

Officer Nominations 2020 – Please prayerfully consider those who can serve in the coming year. Give sheets to an elder or Jo-Anne Weber.

Beginning September 8th Pastor Chiarot will be teaching the Westminster Shorter Catechism in the evening service. This is a wonderful opportunity for children and adults to learn the Reformed faith. We encourage you to attend.

9/8 – Sunday School opening followed by Fellowship Barbeque. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Congregation is asked to bring salads, side dishes, and desserts.

9/22 – Congregational Meeting during the adult Sunday School to discuss our new vision statement and strategic initiatives. Other Sunday School classes will be held as normal.

10/13 – Save the Date: Appreciation Luncheon. More information to follow.

LYDIA: A BEATING HEART

CENTER FOR COUNSELING AND ASSISTANCE TO WOMEN

"I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live." Deuteronomy 30:19

Lydia's goal is to promote and support a moral life, the right of a woman to choose to give birth to a child, and the right of a child to be born. Abortion is not an option. We focus on key needs of the society including prevention, education, family life, raising and educating children etc. PRAY for the lives of the unborn, so precious in God's sight for increased cultural acceptance of adoption, and for special protection over the marriages of those who work in life-affirming ministry all across the globe.

Donkeys Sought; A Kingdom Found

1 SAMUEL 9:1-10:16

1. Donkeys Sought (9:1-9, 14-21, 27)

Like Samuel, the name Saul is related to the word _____.

Maybe Saul is not such a good _____.

Narrator: they should be searching for the _____ of God.

A providential c_____ of e_____ brings Saul to town.

Providence m_____ the minutiae of our lives.

In verse 15 the Word of God has i_____.

Don't interpret providence, turn to S_____.

God hears the _____ of his di_____ people.

2. A Kingdom Found (10:1-16).

Saul becomes king in a p_____ ceremony.

Israel is still God's in_____.

Saul is not b_____ again, but eq_____ for service.

Always united, never separated: _____ and S_____.

Two texts on providence: Proverbs ____:___ and ____:___.

We are often not let in on the _____.

Keep looking for _____ d_____.

Repair (turn) to the _____ & Spirit.

Scripture lets you into the secret of the _____.

P_____ S_____ : a donkey is found; a kingdom assumed.

Jesus is the s_____ of God's strange providence.

He is the Word made _____ and filled with the _____.

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	10:00 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
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