

The Lord's Service

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 15, 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

⊗ WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

Q4. What is God?

God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

JOHN 13:34

Jesus said: I give you a new commandment,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft 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, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

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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

☒ THE PEACE

☒ GLORIA PATRI 735
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

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.**

FIRST READING EPHESIANS 4:7-16

SECOND READINGS ROMANS 15:1-7; HEBREWS 10:24-25; 1 PETER 4:8-10

☒ HYMN OF PREPARATION *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* 334

☒ GOSPEL READINGS JOHN 13:31-35

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

⊗ 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 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.

☒ HYMN OF DEPARTURE *We Are God's People* 355

☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

PREACHER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Ron Bonagura

ORGANIST: Neil Fick

Announcements

Greeters

This Week: M. McCorvey

Next Week: The Reiss Family

Nursery Workers

This Week: R. Bonagura / J. Chiarot

Next Week: L. David / K. Bonagura

Service Assistants

This Week: M. Kniffin, E. Timberger,

J. Schlegel, T. Elmendorf

Next Week: J. Grammer, S. David,

E. Weber, T. Elmendorf

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.

9/21 – Youth Group at WPC 6:00-8:00PM

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.

Nurture: Ministry and Maturity

EPHESIANS 4:7-16

1. Ministry (vv. 7-12a)

Source of the grace: The as _____ Christ.

Membership vows: Study church's pe _____ and p _____.

Apostles & prophets: one-time, f _____ ministries.

One office: p _____ and t _____.

All of these are ministries of the _____.

Nurture starts in p _____ w _____.

Public ministries are given to _____ the _____.

Pastors are ministry f _____.

2. Maturity (vv. 12b-16)

All that we do is to b _____ up.

Goal: grow up into the m _____ of Christ.

We seek a full, pr _____ k _____ of Christ.

Nurture s _____; nurture in _____.

There are no s _____ in the body of Christ.

Three exhortations:

1. W _____ one another.

2. En _____ one another.

3. Practice _____.

These exhortations are for the w _____ body.

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

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| Worship | 10:00 AM |
| Sunday School | 11:45 AM |
| Sunday Evening Service | 6:00 PM |

Westminster Kingston

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| 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

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Sabi David, Tim Elmendorf, John Grammar, Matt Kniffin, Joe Schlegel, Ed Timberger, Ed Weber

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