

# The Lord's Service

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*The Baptism of the Lord*

JANUARY 14, 2024



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*The Upward Path  
St Colomba*

SYLVIA K. RIGGS  
CAROL PARSON

*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 over mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful,

**the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost.

May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue the wayward; by the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*

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CONFESSION OF SINS

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from our sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive ways, hold grudges, and fail to welcome and love one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In your lovingkindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism, so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. For the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE KYRIE ELEISON

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*



ASSURANCE OF PARDON



OUR LIFE OF GRATEFUL OBEDIENCE

MATTHEW 5:1-12

Jesus opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

**For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are those who mourn,

**For they shall be comforted.**

Blessed are the meek,

**For they shall inherit the earth.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

**For they shall be satisfied.**

Blessed are the merciful,

**For they shall receive mercy.**

Blessed are the pure in heart,

**For they shall see God.**

Blessed are the peacemakers,

**For they shall be called sons of God.**

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,

**For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you

**And utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.**

Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven,

**For so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.**



THE PEACE



GLORIA PATRI

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INTERLUDE

*Faith of Our Fathers*

TRADITIONAL



⊗	DOXOLOGY		731
⊗	SURSUM CORDA Lift up your hearts. <b>We lift them up to the Lord.</b> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. <b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>		
⊗	PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		
⊗	THE LORD'S PRAYER		
	THE COMMUNION		
	COMMUNION HYMN	<i>Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless</i>	424
	<i>Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless your chosen pilgrim flock with manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.</i>	<i>in strength of which we travel on to our abiding place.</i>	
	<i>Hungry and thirsty, faint and weak, as you when here below, our souls the joys celestial seek which from thy sorrows flow.</i>	<i>Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart; Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.</i>	
	<i>We would not live by bread alone, but by your word of grace,</i>	<i>There sup with us in love divine; your body and your blood, that living bread, that heav'nly wine, be our immortal food.</i>	
⊗	HYMN OF DEPARTURE	<i>The King of Glory Comes</i>	240
⊗	CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
⊗	POSTLUDE	<i>Sing to the Lord a New and Glorious Song</i>	LANI SMITH

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot  
 WORSHIP LEADER: Adam Kuliszewski  
 ORGANIST: Wilma deJager

# Eschatological Gospel

MATTHEW 3:1-17

## 1. The Sermon (vv. 1-12)

John's opening salvo is a word about the \_\_\_\_.

This kingdom cannot be i\_\_\_\_\_ with earthly kingdoms.

In short, the es\_\_\_\_\_ has arrived.

John comes "before the \_\_\_\_\_ & dr\_\_\_\_\_ day of the Lord."

A word from the f\_\_\_\_\_: flee the coming \_\_\_\_\_.

In Jesus, the end \_\_\_\_\_ into the present.

It's either P\_\_\_\_\_ fire or the fire of j\_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus brings the f\_\_\_\_\_ j\_\_\_\_\_ of the last \_\_\_\_ forward.

There is no \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ which is not eschatological.

## 2. The Baptism (vv. 13-17)

The j\_\_\_\_\_ appears as \_\_\_\_\_ of us.

Jesus submits to John to f\_\_\_\_\_ all r\_\_\_\_\_.

He is baptized into our s\_\_\_\_\_ and n\_\_d.

His whole life, his a\_\_\_\_\_ ob\_\_\_\_\_, is vi\_\_\_\_\_.

The baptism in \_\_\_\_\_ is locked into the baptism in \_\_\_\_\_.

The Judge takes the c\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ upon his own head.

Jesus is the \_\_\_\_ Adam, the es\_\_\_\_os Adam.

Goal of eschatological gospel: communion w/ the T\_\_\_\_\_ God.

## Missions Work Highlight

THE URUMOV FAMILY

*Strumica, Macedonia*

Here in Macedonia, we continue to serve the Lord at Baptist Church Strumica as we preach, teach and conduct Bible studies for men and women. We are planting a new church in Josifovo in the near future. We appreciate everything you do for us and our ministry in Macedonia. We appreciate your prayers and financial help.

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## Announcements

Sunday School classes will resume today.

Our fellowship luncheon will follow Sunday School today. All are invited! Our second service will follow at 2PM.

# 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	10:00AM
Sunday School ( <i>Sept–June</i> )	11:45 AM
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 PM

## Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley

Worship	11:00 AM
Sunday School	12:30 PM

## Church & Office Location

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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 Pastor

Rev. Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

## Assistant Pastor

Rev. Justin Chiarot

## Session (Ruling Elders, with Class Year)

Johnson Chang-Fong (2024), Adam Kuliszewski (2024), Robert David (2025), Mike Bonagura (2026), James Phillips (2026)

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