

The Lord's Service

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JANUARY 28, 2024



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Bless Us Now, Dear Lord, We Pray
My Faith is Firmly Found*

DONALD LEE MOORE
J.S. BACH, ARR. DOROTHY WELLS

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 EPHESIANS 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing;

it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works,

which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE *By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless* 456

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

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

CHORUS

OFFERTORY

Be Still, My Soul

GEORG JOSEPH, ARR ROGER C WILSON



DOXOLOGY

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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

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

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*Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
your chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness,
with water from the rock.*

*Hungry and thirsty, faint and weak,
as you when here below,
our souls the joys celestial seek
which from thy sorrows flow.*

*We would not live by bread alone,
but by your word of grace,*

*in strength of which we travel on
to our abiding place.*

*Be known to us in breaking bread,
but do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
your table in our heart.*

*There sup with us in love divine;
your body and your blood,
that living bread, that heav'nly wine,
be our immortal food.*



HYMN OF DEPARTURE

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

March in D

GEORGE F HANDEL, ARR RICK PARKS

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Adam Kuliszewski

ORGANIST: Wilma deJager

The Gospel Goes to Europe

ACTS 16:6-15

1. Her Heart (vv. 13-14)

It appears there is no s_____ in Phillipi.

At the riverside there was a _____'s prayer meeting.

Lydia is the first (recorded) convert in _____e.

She was a God-fearing G_____.

God _____ her heart to believe.

God enlightens our _____ and takes out our _____ of stone.

This is known as ef_____ c_____.

God works by _____ and S_____ in conjunction.

God g_____ re_____ and f_____.

2. Her Household (15a)

Her house become the base of the _____ in Phillipi.

The covenant sign is applied to the whole _____.

Not proof, but c_____ evidence for i_____ baptism.

__ household baptisms/salvations are mentioned in Acts.

3. Her Home (15b)

Hospitality is her first post-conversion i_____.

Hebrews 13: Do not neglect to show hospitality to _____.

God has g_____ opened his _____ to us.

Three things needed: W_____, S_____, & h_____.

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.

Announcements

2/11/24 - Fellowship Valentine Luncheon. The congregation is asked to bring main dishes, casseroles, salads, side dishes and/or desserts.

2/14/24 - Ash Wednesday Soup Supper beginning at 6:00pm. There will be a sign-up sheet in the kitchen for anyone wishing to contribute a soup, salad, bread or dessert. The service will follow at 7:00pm.

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	10:00AM
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

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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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Rev. Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

Assistant Pastor

Rev. Justin Chiarot

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