

The Lord's Service

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 04, 2024



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Prayer
Méditation on "Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"*

MARK DAVIS
JACK C. GOODE

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 98:1-2

Oh, sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The Lord has made known his salvation.

He has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, you redeemed your people by sending your only Son in fulfillment of your promises to Israel. Let the truth and power of your salvation be known in all places of the earth, that all nations may give you praise, honor, and glory; through Jesus Christ your Son, who comes to judge the living and the dead. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

New Songs of Celebration Render

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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

God spoke all these words, saying; I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods before me.

Against thee, thee only, I have sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight.

You shall not make for yourself graven images...you shall not bow down to them or serve them.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Honor your father and your mother.
Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; according to thy steadfast love remember me, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord!

You shall not kill.

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any wicked way in me.

You shall not commit adultery.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

You shall not steal.

Have mercy on me, O God, blot out my transgressions.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Put false ways far from me; and graciously teach me thy law!

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.
Incline my heart to thy testimonies, and not to gain! Deliver me from all my transgressions.

The Lord is near to all that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He fulfills the desire of all who fear him, he also hears their cry, and saves them.
My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

⌘ THE PEACE

⌘ GLORIA PATRI

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INTERLUDE

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

HENRY BAKER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear, and show us what we ought to do, to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON PSALM 98 *p. 592*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-5:6 *p. 1174*

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 98 *Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord* 16

⊗ GOSPEL READING LUKE 1:39-55 *p. 1017*

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

SERMON *For He Comes to Judge the Earth*

⊗ WESTMINSTER CONFSSION OF FAITH OF THE LAST JUDGEMENT CHAPTER 33: I, III

God hath appointed a day, wherein He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ, to whom all power and judgment is given of the Father. In which day, not only the apostate angels shall be judged; but likewise all persons, that have lived upon earth, shall appear before the tribunal of Christ, to give an account of their thoughts, words, and deeds; and to receive according to what they have done in the body, whether good or evil.

As Christ would have us to be certainly persuaded that there shall be a day of judgment, both to deter all men from sin, and for the greater consolation of the godly in their adversity: so will He have that day unknown to men, that they may shake off all carnal security, and be always watchful, because they know not at what hour the Lord will come; and may be ever prepared to say, Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY	<i>Wiegenlied</i>	CARL BOHM
⊗ DOXOLOGY		731
⊗ 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	<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>Rejoice, All Ye Believers</i>	320
⊗ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
⊗ POSTLUDE	<i>Postlude in C</i>	MARTIN / ARR. JOHN E. BOALT

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For He Comes to Judge the Earth

PSALM 98

1. Israel's Praise (vv. 1-3)

The new song is associated with the S_____ of the Lord.

This song is a response to the f_____, decisive action of God.

Singing this song is the goal of c_____.

God's mighty acts of deliverance are the work of his _____.

This delivering arm is finally seen in _____.

M____ echoes this text in her M_____.

Christ is the great _____ and the full r_____ of God.

God is remembering His mercy and faithfulness to _____.

2. The Nations' Praise (vv. 4-6)

To this point the nations have been o_____.

Christianity: from the p_____ to the u_____.

Joy to the _____, the Lord is come.

We are c_____ to sing!

In Christ, God manifests his _____ power.

3. Creation's Praise (vv. 7-9)

Here the o_____ of nature joins the movement.

In between the _____, the creation is to sing.

Another reason to sing: For He _____ to _____ the earth.

There is no singing which is not _____ singing.

He has _____ a day on which he will _____ the world.

Missions Work Highlight

TIM AND THERESE GALAGE

South Africa

Tim and Therese Galage, MTW Missionaries in the Republic of South Africa have had an exciting year of travel for leadership training, women's ministries, university outreach, a new church plant, and new interns enrolled in the church planting program. They greatly appreciate our prayer and financial help in this vital work in South Africa.

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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