

The Lord's Service

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 12, 2023



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Majesty
Come Into His Holy Place*

JACK W. HAYFORD
JOHN PARKER

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 QUESTION 73:
Q. Which is the eighth commandment?
A. The eighth commandment is, Thou shalt not steal.

⌘ CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 47:5-8

God has ascended amid shouts of joy;
the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets!
God is the King of all the earth;
sing to him a song of praise!
God reigns over the nations!
The Lord is seated on his holy throne!

⌘ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above the heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his church on earth, even to the end of the age; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

⌘ HYMN OF PRAISE

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule over our lives. We have followed the ways of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us of the guilt of our sin, and liberate us from its power, that we may be holy and faithful, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, the ascended ruler of all, and the great head and king of the church, in whose name we pray. 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.
For from him and through him and to him are all things.

You shall not make for yourself a graven image.

In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.
Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.
Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

You shall not kill.
Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

You shall not commit adultery.
You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

You shall not steal.
Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor
Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house, or anything that is your neighbor's
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

INTERLUDE

Holy Bible, Book Divine

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BRADBURY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, grant that, as your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also, by your Word and Spirit, set our minds on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. **Amen.**

FIRST READING ACTS 1:1-11 *p. 1080*

SECOND READING EPHESIANS 1:15-23 *p. 1159*

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 47 *Rejoice, All People, Homage Give* 73

⌘ GOSPEL READING LUKE 24:44-53 *p. 1052*

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

SERMON *The Apostolic Commission*

⌘ THE ATHANASIAN CREED PART 1

Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic faith. And the catholic faith is this:

That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in unity, neither confounding the persons, nor dividing the substance. For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is one, the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son and such is the Holy Spirit. The Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, and the Holy Spirit is uncreated. The Father is immeasurable, the Son is immeasurable, and the Holy Spirit is immeasurable. The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, and the Holy Spirit is eternal. And yet there are not three eternal beings; there is but one eternal being. So too there are not three uncreated or immeasurable beings; there is but one uncreated and immeasurable being.

Likewise, the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, and the Holy Spirit is almighty. Yet there are not three almighty beings; but one almighty being. So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. Yet they are not three gods; there is but one God. Thus, the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, and the Holy Spirit is Lord. Yet there are not three lords; there is but one Lord.

Just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be both God and Lord, so are we forbidden by the catholic religion to say there are three gods or three lords. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *Bread of the World*

DANIEL BURTON

⊗ 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.

THE COMMUNION

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

Our God Is Mighty, Worthy of All Praising

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⊗ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postlude in D Major

HAYDN

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

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The Apostolic Commission

ACTS 1:1-11

A glimpse into g_____ z_____ of the Christian church.

1. Kingdom (verses 1-3)

Our author also wrote the gospel of _____.

The Acts of the _____ Christ, through the Holy Spirit.

Of the kingdom, we speak of re_____ and r_____.

The Kingdom is where the _____ has brought l_____.

The kingdom is where the r_____ people of God are.

The visible church is the _____ of _____.

2. Commission (verses 4-8)

The Holy Spirit is the _____ that the _____ promised.

W_____ for the gift of the Spirit.

They seem to have mi_____ the kingdom.

Jesus' rebuke focuses on t_____.

Not for you to know: rebuke to un_____ cu_____.

The Holy Spirit is given for m_____.

This commission is uniquely for the a_____.

3. Ascension (verses 9-11)

The cloud is the portable _____ of God.

Jesus, the S_____ Adam, enters his heavenly S_____.

The glory-cloud is full of _____.

The ascension is v_____ and b_____.

The Lord who _____s shall r_____.

Heavenly-minded people with an _____ mission.

Newbigin: Hasten to ends of _____ and the end of _____.

Missions Work Highlight

TIM & THERESE GALAGE

Cape Town, South Africa

Our hearts are full of gratitude to the Lord for His mercy, grace and provision. We stand in awe of all He is doing in Southern Africa. And your partnership means that you are part of this work. Thank you for standing with us. Thank you for your prayers.

The Bible Institute (BISA) in Cape Town, South Africa will celebrate its 100th birthday in 2023! Many pastors and leaders have been trained here. Join with us in prayer for wisdom and energy incorporating three new missionary families as they begin their new roles on our team and for Tim in his role as Regional Director of Southern Africa, setting the vision and strategy for the region. His particular focus is on facilitating church planting.

Announcements

There will be a Fellowship Luncheon today, following Sunday School. The congregation is asked to bring food that warms the “heart”, including main dishes, casseroles, salads, side dishes and desserts. Beverages will be provided. Our second service will follow at 2 PM.

Pastor Chiarot will resume his Adult Sunday School class today in the sanctuary. He is teaching through the book *Presbytopia: What it Means to be Presbyterian*.

Fellowship will be hosting an Ash Wednesday Soup Supper on February 22nd, beginning at 6:00pm. There is a signup sheet in the kitchen for anyone who would like to contribute to this meal. The worship 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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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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The Reverend Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

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