

The Lord's Service

The Third Sunday in Lent

MARCH 12, 2023



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 QUESTION 77:

Q. What is required in the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment requires the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor's good name, especially in witness bearing.

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

JOEL 1:1A; 2:28

The word of the Lord that came to Joel: I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;
**your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.**

❖ PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, who in smoke and fire upon Mount Sinai gave the law to Moses, and who revealed the new covenant in the fire of the Spirit: Grant, we pray, that kindled by that same Spirit which you wondrously poured forth upon your apostles, we may receive and deploy with joy your manifold gifts. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit

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CONFSSION 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 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.



STANDING IF COMFORTABLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *spoken, sung*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

❖ RESPONSIVE READING OF THE LAW

By the mercies of God, present your bodies as a living sacrifice,

Holy and acceptable to God, which is our fitting service.

Do not be conformed to this age,

But be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

That by testing you may discern what is the will of God,

What is good and acceptable and mature.

Let no one think of himself more highly than he ought.

But think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith God has provided.

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;

Hold fast to what is good.

Love one another with brotherly affection.

Outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not be slothful in zeal,

Be fervent in the Spirit, serving the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,

Be constant in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints,

ROMANS 12:1-21

And seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you.

Bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice,

Weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another; Do not be haughty,

But associate with the lowly and never be conceited.

Repay no one evil for evil,

But give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves,

But give place to the wrath of God.

For it stands written:

"Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord"

To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him;

If he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

For by doing so you will heap burning coals on his head."

Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.

❖ THE PEACE

❖ GLORIA PATRI

INTERLUDE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

NUMBERS 11:24-30

p. 141

NEW TESTAMENT READING

ACTS 2:14-18

p. 1081

❖ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 66

All Lands, to God in Joyful Sounds

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❖ GOSPEL READING

JOHN 14:15-27

p. 1071

❖ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON

In the Last Days

❖ THE ATHANASIAN CREED

PART 2

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.

The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten; the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father; the Spirit was neither made nor created, but he proceeds from the Father and the Son.

Thus there is one Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other; but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal; and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the unity in Trinity. Whoever desires to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

❖ 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

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

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

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*Let thy blood in mercy poured,
let thy gracious body broken,
be to me, O gracious Lord,
of thy boundless love the token.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

*Thou didst die that I might live;
blessed Lord, thou cam'st to save me;
all that love of God could give
Jesus by his sorrows gave me.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

*By the thorns that crowned thy brow,
by the spear wound and the nailing,
by the pain and death, I now
claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

*Wilt thou own the gift I bring?
All my penitence I give thee;
thou art my exalted King,
of thy matchless love forgive me.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

❖ HYMN OF DEPARTURE

O Spirit of the Living God

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❖ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David

ORGANIST: Wilma de Jager

In the Last Days

ACTS 2:14-18

Pentecost is the descent of the cosmic t_____.

This is the first _____ s_____.

The speeches in Acts take up ____ percent of the book.

1. The Last Days

The Spirit, like the gospel, is to the ____ first.

The gift of the Spirit means the _____ are at hand.

The last days: bracketed by two a_____ of Christ.

The Spirit is the _____ of the ____ to come.

Israel is r_____ and the nations are c_____.

Jesus is with us to the ____ of the age.

2. The Spirit

The language of “pouring out” speaks of an a_____.

Greater than anything experienced under the ____ covenant.

“All” means _____ and G_____.

The Spirit is given regardless of s_____, a____ or st_____.

This is a great d_____ of the life of God.

All are full members of the r_____ p_____.

Moses: Would that ____ the Lord’s people were p_____!

We are to be e_____ people.

Here all flesh gets the same e_____ order of gifts.

Missions Work Highlight

JEREMIAH & JULIE DIEDRICH

Northwestern Brazil

Over the last four years of our seventeen years' service as a pilot / mechanic family in Brazil we helped establish a helicopter station in western Brazil. Helicopters have a huge impact on the ministries in this region. After settling into our new home to begin work with JAARS in North Carolina we made final preparations to return to western Brazil in January to complete Bruno's training as the new helicopter pilot. Last year, the mission helicopter was destroyed by a windstorm and another had to be ordered. Recently, amid cheering, waving, and tears, we watched Jeremiah and Bruno land the new mission helicopter at the new hangar in Cruzeiro do Sul, Brazil. Soon, the first ministry flights to missionaries in remote locations will commence.

In early spring we plan to return to our new home in the States and apply ourselves to our new roles, training and recruiting future pilots with JAARS. There are so many things we are thankful for. Thank you for bringing our ministry and needs before the Lord in prayer. We pray we stay securely fastened to Christ. We pray the same for our friends at Westminster Church.

Announcements

Our weekly Lenten service is this Wednesday, 3/15, at 7 PM.

Our fellowship luncheon is today after the Sunday School. All are welcome. The second service will follow at 2 PM.

Pastor Chiarot is teaching through a book called *Presbytopia: What It Means to be Presbyterian* in the adult Sunday School class. All who are interested in membership or desire to understand the basics of the reformed faith are encouraged to attend.

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

Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley

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| 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).

Senior Minister

The Reverend Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

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